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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1705, January 23-29, 2014

Thu 0430	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 1330	WRMI	9955	[confirmed but truncated]
Thu 2201	WTWW	9475	[confirmed]
Fri 0426v	WWRB	3195	[not aired; internet outage?]
Sat 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1530	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 0030	WRMI	9495	[special maybe temporary; confirmed]
Sun 0030v	WTWW	5085	[confirmed]
Sun 0501	WTWW	5830	[off the air!]
Mon 0400v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB	Area 51
Tue 1200	WRMI	9955	
Wed 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1400	WRMI	9955	[NEW! And on northwest antenna]
Wed 1530	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Thu 0430	WRMI	9955	[or 1706 if ready in time]

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Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de

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When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here's where to sign up:
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** ALASKA. KNOM in Nome promptly verified my mid-December reception by email from General Manager Ric Schmidt. They operate on 780 with a Nautel 25 kW transmitter that operates 25 kW days and 14 kW nights. Their antenna is a folded dipole type, 238 feet high, about 3 miles east of their studios in Nome. Ric says to look for their studios (including FM tower and antenna) on Google Earth just west of the corner of Third and Steadman, on the south side of Third. I did this and Google Earth displays a little transmitting symbol superimposed on the studio building itself! (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** ALASKA. 1080, KUDO Anchorage, AK ñ has changed callsign to KOAN and format from Sport (Fox) to talk. KOAN is from 1020 which changes its call to KVNT (Jan Medium Wave News via DXLD)

** ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. 4760, AIR (Port Blair) at 1350 in Hindi

playing "Tu hai mujhko bata de" by Arijit Singh on a phone-in request show ñ Poor Jan 17 (Avijit Mondal Khaspur, INDIA, Degen DE-1103 and C Crane Radio SW, ODXA YRX via DXLD) Exactly same thing as he reported one hour earlier on 4660 KASHMIR, q.v. So why is this delayed? (gh)

** ANGOLA. 4949.750, only carrier visible here, S=7, but no modulation or less 5%? (Wolfgang B,schel, log on Ceylon [sic] island, Jan 18 at 17-18 UT slot using Victor Goonetilleke's Perseus remote receiver, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGUILLA. 11775, University Network (presumed); 2139, 16-Jan; PMS-Rev. Barbi waxing about how Satan manipulates people's minds, mentioning faith, faithers & faithing (faithers & faithing?). "Men loved Dr. Scott." (Men loved Barbi Bridges too!) S20 peaks with splash from Brasil on 11780.1 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) Search on her name if you dare (gh)

** ARGENTINA. 11710.9, Radio[difusiûn Argentina] al Exterior; 0205, 18-Jan; English music feature to ID at 0209+ as "International Service of Argentine Radio". SIO=333 with roar QRM. 0419-0431, 18-Jan; W in Chinese (sounded like Japanese at times) with Afro & Latino music. BoH pips/tone & RaE [sic] ID. SIO=343- (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) The A in RAE stands for Argentina, adjective, not ``al`` (gh)

11711, RAE, 22/01 0403 UT. Servicio en chino, con presentaciûn de m'sica que en ciertos picks se escucha por sobre Radio Rumania Internacional en idioma inglÈs para el surasi-tico, produciÈndose un sonido de imosquito en el garajeï como colisiûn de seðales (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Hilltopping harmonics; definitely via E skip: 30690, RAE 2 x 15345, 1431 UT, unstable carrier. 73 (thinking of you Vlad) -- (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, Social Media Co-ordinator #KresySiberia, Jan 22, harmonics yg via DXLD) ?? a very long way for multi-hop Es; why not F2 just barely up to MUF? (gh, DXLD)

** ARMENIA. 4810, V. of Armenia, Jan 20 1510-1545*, 33433, Music and talk, Opening music at 1531, IS at 1545, sign off, QRM from AIR on c/c (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2485, VL8K Katherine NT, 1155 to 1220, fair on 18

January (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4835, VL8A, Northern Territory SW Service, Alice Springs; 1315, 18-Jan; M&W in English with folk/country countdown program; referred to Ernest Tubb as a "troubador". SI0=333 with swiper splash; // 2325 VL8T, weak; // 2485 VL8K fair (usually the weakest one) (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Listening to Radio Australia, NICE music program Well, "ABC" isn't all that uncommon here on the West Side; in fact I can usually hear it on any given day, morning and evening, and often do as I enjoy a lot of their programming.

Right now (1640 GMT) I'm listening to an enjoyable music program on 11880 KCs (KCs, NOT KHz as they didn't know what a "Hz" was when the 1966 Mohican was created, ;-). This week's feature is an informative program with a live interview with John Mellancamp, the Rock musician. Nice music and good reception on the Heathkit Mohican & dipole antenna. Perhaps SINPO 45444. . . -- 73 de (Phil, K06BB Atchley, <http://www.qsl.net/ko6bb/> (Web Page), Sat 18 Jan, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

Actually, kHz goes back much further; says Wikipedia: ``The name was established by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) in 1930.[6] It was adopted by the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) (Conf  rence g  n  rale des poids et mesures) in 1960, replacing the previous name for the unit, cycles per second (cps), along with its related multiples, primarily kilocycles per second (kc/s) and megacycles per second (Mc/s), and occasionally kilomegacycles per second (kMc/s). The term cycles per second was largely replaced by hertz by the 1970s.``

A mere ``kilocycle`` or ``kcs`` for kilocycles was and is meaningless without a per-unit-time, which is included by definition in ``kilohertz`` = kilocycles per second.

Around here we are partial to a different unit, Megahausers (MHs), = megacycles per hour, but it's rarely employed so far. Conversion factor from kHz to MHs: multiply by 3.6.

May I say that it would be a fitting (or fitful?) memorial to yours truly. It's almost exclusive if you search on it, except for one Benedikt Megahauser (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15615 kHz of RA Shepparton intermodulation, of both \\ 15415 and 15515

kHz, but not on 15315 symmetrically. at 2205 UT Jan 18. S=5-6 in Queensland remote unit (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar, 1542 Jan 18, English, weak under China, but could hear woman with news, mention of India at one point, switch to vernacular at 1545. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at <http://www.odxa.on.ca> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 15105, Bangladesh Betar; *1230-1240+, 19-Jan; ID s/on to 1231+ M in English news beginning with "Salaam Alekum" to 1238 into feature on Bangladeshi trade. SIO=3+44 with raspy buzz QRM (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BARBADOS. Videos [audios] da TEP de 15/01/2014

Amigos, posteï no Youtube trechos da abertura transequatorial de ontem ocorrida entre 2350 e 0226 UT; essa continua sendo a única emissora de FM do Caribe possível de receber dentro da cidade de São Paulo:

BBS FM - 90.7 MHz - St Michel - Barbados - Caribe - Parte 1

<http://youtu.be/4vHnX-eqvPA>

BBS FM - 90.7 MHz - St Michel - Barbados - Caribe - Parte 2

<http://youtu.be/iPgcmh89gYQ>

BBS FM - 90.7 MHz - St Michel - Barbados - Caribe - Parte 3

(identificação da emissora)

<http://youtu.be/S2nHQYldTsc>

BBS FM - 90.7 MHz - St Michel - Barbados - Caribe - Parte 4

<http://youtu.be/AQW5UuodUZg>

BBS FM - 90.7 MHz - St Michel - Barbados - Caribe - Parte 5

<http://youtu.be/05xmtSJ9dRo>

BBS FM - 90.7 MHz - St Michel - Barbados - Caribe - Parte 6

(identificação da emissora)

<http://youtu.be/V3iqGWrt724>

73Ys (Fran Jr., São Paulo SP, Radio Sony XDR F1HD, Antena Yagi 5

Elementos Interna, Jan 16, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BELARUS. 7255, Belaruskoye Radio ñ Minsk , 0438-0520, Jan 18, man announcer with talk in Belarusian language followed by pop music vocals. 5+1 time pips at top of the hour followed by a man with ID and news. Return to pop music program at 0515. Fair (Rich D'Angelo, Wyomissing PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, NASWA

Flashsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. CHASQUI DX PFA ñ ENERO --- CQ, CQ, CQ; Aquí Pedro F. Arrun-tegui para compartir algo con los que disfrutan y aman el DX latinoamericano, todas las horas son UTC, desde la tierra de los incas, les informo mediante este Quipus lo siguiente:

3310.00, R. Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, 3/01 2312-2340, 33333, px en quechua, news, mx, ID iRadio Mosoj Chaski (en quechua)î news, hablan sobre la tormenta en USA y el fuerte frío, también sobre Korea del Norte y su líder. ID iMosoj Chaski est. m·s cerca de usted.î

6025.00, R. Patria Nueva, La Paz, 13/01 1017-1040, 44444, px partida del Dakar de la Paz a Calama; mejor se les escucha en LSB por interferencia de otra estación en AM.

6105.35, R. Panamericana, La Paz; 5/01 1110-1155, 44444, px Manantial de Vida (religioso) ads Seguridad Ciudadana, ID iPanamericana desde la Pazî.

6134.80, R. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz; 13/01 1045-1110, 44444, ID "De norte a sur, de este a oeste, las ondas de Radio Santa Cruz, lo acompañan en su jornada", mx, ID iSanta Cruz, una radio que suele acompañar a su genteî, mx, ads, efectúate una prueba VH, ID iSiga con Radio Santa Cruz" (escuchar grabación [recordings attached to original post in DXLD yg]); a partir de las 1103 fue necesario escucharla en LSB pues en AM hay interferencia de estación de señal en inglés, px Noticiero. Muchos 128ÿs PFA (Pedro F. Arrun-tegui, Lima, Per`, Chasqui DX January, La recepción la he efectuado del 2/01 al 21/01 en compañía de mi sabueso Icom IC R72, acompañado del Mizuho KX-3, una antena de hilo largo de 12 metros y una antena loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 3310, Radio Mosoj Chaski, Cochabamba, 2337 OM in Quechua under QRN, still in at 0015 2/3 January; 2340 to 0005 on 10/11 January; 2316 to 2340 weak signal in Q on 15 Jan (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas; and XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3310, Radio Mosoj Chaski, 1000, apparent sign on, threshold to poor 17 Jan (XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4451.1, Radio Santa Ana, Santa Ana de Yacuma, 2318 to 2325, weak en español 15 January and other days as well (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 4699.9, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta, 2330 to 2340 en espa0ol, fair signal 2 January; 2340 to 0010 with OM espa0ol on 10/11 Jan. - Similar logs since, with difficult signal strength (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas; and XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST) - rlw

** BOLIVIA. 4716.65, Radio Yatun Ayllu Yura, Yura, 2340 to 0012 with programming en espa0ol, stronger signal than Radio San Miguel same time; indicative of poor reception from Latin America generally this DX season, 10/11 January (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas; and XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Similar logs since (rlw, ibid.)

** BOLIVIA. 5580.2, Radio San JosÈ, San JosÈ de Chiquitos, 2345 to 0015 locutor en espa0ol 2/3 January; good signal 2350 to 0020 on 8/9 January, 2355 to 0020 on 10/11 January (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas; and XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5580.3, R. SAN JOSE, 20/01 2341 UT. Vía San JosÈ de Chiquitos con 250 watts seg'n Aoki. Se escucha cierta modulaci0n que es poco perceptible en modo AM. En modo USB, se puede escuchar a una canci0n coral, al parecer religiosa. SINPO: 22222 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros. QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.4, R. PIO XII, 17/01 0034 UT. Avisos locales en idioma quechua y espa0ol sobre clases de computaci0n, productos ecol0gicos que se pueden conseguir en las diversas ferias de varias ciudades del altiplano boliviano, promoci0n de concierto del d'ia s-bado, c-tedras libres en Universidades y m'sica folkl0rica. Se0al con SINPO: 45444 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD) and one minute later:

5952.5, Radio Pio XII presumed, 0035 Jan 17, Spanish, male announcer, Andean music, poor signal. Other Bolivians, Radio Yatun Ayllu on 4716.7 and presumed Radio Mosoj Chaski on 3310, were also noted with very weak signals. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5952.4, R. PIO XII, 19/01 0145 UT. Transmisi0n de un concierto con m'sica en quechua, el que fue anunciado hace unos d'ias por la misma emisora. SINPO: 55444 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660,

Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BOTSWANA. 13830, Jan 21 at 0625, poor signal in French, 0629 VOA theme and sign-off. It's 100 kW, 350 degrees from Selebi-Phikwe a.k.a. Moeping Hill, at 0530-0630 M-F per Aoki. At first it sounded like there were ICDs (intermittent carrier dropouts), but upon closer listening, these were spikes, presumably from a local device (neighbor's electric fence?), overriding this and other weak signals on the band (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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4785.00, BRASIL, R. Caiari, Porto Velho, RO; 3/01 1005-1031, 22222, mx, ID "R·dio Caiariî, mx, ID iCaiari AM, Caiari es la Vozî [sic] (escuchar grabaciûn [attached to original post in DXLD yg), mx. Nota. Al tÈrmino de cada canciûn por lo general est·n dando su ID; 1030 lo pierdo, demasiado bajo.

4815.00, R. Difusora, Londrina, PR; 3/01 2345-xxxx, 33333, px religioso, ID Difusora..î mx.

4885.00, R. Dif. Acreana, Rio Branco, 2/01 1035-1100, 33333, "Radio Difusora Acraena" mx.

9629.71, R. Aparecida, Aparecida, SP; 3/01 2240-2305, 44444, mx religiosa, ID "Aparecida" (escuchar grabaciûn) px religioso.

9645.38, R. Bandeirantes, San Pablo; 2/01 2235-2310, 44444, mx; mejor la escucho en USB, news, comentarios varios sobre la vivienda, ads Casa Bahîa, gran liquidaciûn.

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** BRAZIL. 3364.9, Brasil, R·dio Cultura, Araraquara, SP, 2336 to 0010 OM Portuguese 2/3 January (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, and Ken Walters, Palm Beach, South Florida, Sangean ATS 909X, via Bob Wilkner, DXLD) 2317 to 2340 in Portuguese on 15 Jan (Robert Wilkner, only, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 4754.85, Brasil, R·dio Imaculada ConceiÁ,,o, Campo Grande,

MS, 2330 to 2350 Portuguese OM and music, 2 January (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas; and XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL: 4774, ZYG207, R·dio Congonhas; 2214-2235+, 17-Jan; M in Portuguese with pop music; ID at 2234+. SI0=253, centers slightly below 4775 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) But not a full kHz below (gh)

** BRAZIL. 4805, Brasil, R·dio Difusora do Amazonas, Manaus, 2340 to 0010 OM in Portuguese, weak signal 10/11 January. Noted most evenings this time (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4815, Brasil, R·dio Difusora, Londrina PR, 2350 to 0020 OM in Portuguese with Congregation(?) 8/9 Jan. 2344 YL in Portuguese on 10 January (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4875.1, ZYG810, R·dio Roraima; 0034-0045+, 18-Jan; M in Portuguese with rock music; SID at 0044+. Covered by LSB ute 0035+ to 0039; fair in USB. SI0=352+ without ute. Centers about 4785.08 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Re: RTM 5965. Caro RogÈrio Guedes: Grato pela informaÁ,,o, que passarei ao colega brit,nico. Bom, mas se consegue capt·-la, sabe qual o hor·rio? J· agora, sabe qual a potÍncia que est,,o a utilizar? Certamente que È diminuta - ou estarei completamente enganado, e n,,o consigo capt·-la porque a RTM sai nos 5965 sÚmente de dia, ou seja, a horas em que essas freqs. n,,o se propagam para longe? Fico ‡ espera da sua ajuda, que agradeÁo desde j·.

PS: continuo sem saber qual a raz,,o de n,,o conseguir enviar respostas a mensagens, directamente, clicando em "responder`` em vez de fazÍ-lo atravÈs do programa de correio. Isto sucede desde que o Yahoo! Grupos mudou. Isto È v·lido para o Radioescutas como para os restantes grupos de que sou membro. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Boa tarde, Carlos; eu j· fiz manutenÁ,,o em um tx de 31 metros da RTM. Os transmissores ficam no Rio Grande do Sul, e as antenas dos 49 metros devem estar Norte Sul para o Brasil, j· a potencia dessa estaÁ,,o Èra de 7.5 kW. Na Època que fui l·, os 31 metros tambÈm era

7.5; hoje deve estar com transmissor de 50 kW da HCJB se n,,o me falha a memÓria. J· os 25 metros era um transmissor antigo Digitron de 5 kW. Abcs, PY2Ari (Ariovaldo Lobrito, Jan 16, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Caro Ariovaldo: Fico-lhe igualmente grato por mais esses dados que nos transmitiu, mas ainda que eles mantenham essas potÍncias, falta saber a raz,,o de n,,o chegarem por c·, quando muitas outras estaÁies brasileiras o conseguem.

Creio que ser· a) uma quest,,o de hor·rio, b) brusca alteraÁ,,o de potÍncia de emiss,,o, por muito menos, c) ou irregularidade no uso dos 5965... ou ainda d) a conjugaÁ,,o de todas as hipÓteses anteriores, o que n,,o seria inÉdito.

Que diabo, a R. Voz Mission·ria RS 5940 e a R.Itatiaia 5970 MG, para citar dois exemplos de estaÁies em freqs. bem prÓximas, chegam c·, e regularmente!

Espero que o Colega RogÉrio Guedes consiga fornecer-nos mais informaÁ,,o quanto ao "mistÉrio" da RTM nos 5965. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, Jan 16, ibid.)

OK, a RTM nos 49 metros tem as antenas voltadas (dipolos) para a AmÉrica Central, ou seja os sinais est,,o do sul do Brasil para o norte. OK, por isso n,,o chega ai, e por convenÁ,,o internacional os transmissores s,,o desligados ±s 19 horas PT2.

J· a Voz Mission·ria eu n,,o conheÁo o sistema, vai na p·gina <http://www.anatel.gov.br> --- procure informaÁies tÉcnicas, vai em radiodifus,,o, e entra no menu planos basicos; ali vocÍ tem todas as frequencias de AM, FM, OM, OC, OT, OK, abcs 73 (Ariovaldo Lobrito, 17 Jan, ibid.)

Carlos GonÁalves, boa tarde. Com relaÁ,,o ± pergunta: A R·dio TransMundial atua em 5965 kHz das 0000 hora local (0200 UT) atÉ 0659 h local (0859 UT). TambÉm, a RTM confirma informes de recepÁ,,o corretos com o cart,,o QSL, informaÁies recebida via correio postal ou por via correio eletrÚnico. InformaÁies no link:

<<http://www.transmundial.com.br>>

Att., (Rudolf Grimm, S,,o Bernardo SP, V/S Radio TransMundial, ibid.)

Caros Rudolf Grimm, Ronildo Lobrito e RogÉrio Guedes: Os meus agradecimentos pela informaÁ,,o acerca do hor·rio da RTM em 5965, que passarei ao NoÍl Green, da GB.

Ronildo, apesar de eles terem a antena dos 49 m orientada para o N do Brasil, É bem possÍvel que o sinal chegue aqui, ± Europa. De resto, É bem possÍvel que muitas das estaÁies brasileiras 19~90 m utilizem

antenas n,,o omnidireccionais, e, pese embora isso, os sinais chegam um pouco a todo o lado.

Calculo que algumas possuam sistemas de antena pouco elaborados que, no caso da emiss,,o omnidireccional, aqueles proporcionem sinais aquEm do que poderiam conseguir.

Mas aproveito esta mensagem para - perdoar-me-,,o - insistir na outra quest,,o, que È sobre a Rio Mar 9695. Se n,,o os Colegas, talvez outro nos possa passar dados. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. 9664.800, R·dio Voz Mission·ria at 0620 UT, sermon in Brazilian Portuguese accent at poor S=4 signal strength (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9664.74, ZYE890, R·dio Voz Missionaria (tentative); 0348-0400+, 18-Jan; Exhortive M in Portuguese with mentions of Brasil. SIO=322 in AM; much better in USB due to 9660 splash; // 5939.85, SIO=442+ with splash from PMS Barbi on 5935 via WWCN (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11780.1, Jan 21 at 0620, RNA is playing ``Cielito Lindo`` in Brazuguese version, also // 6180. Just tuned over from 9420/7475 Greece, q.v., another mostly-music station we enjoy, a hard choice between them. 0655 ID with slogan ``Nacional da AmazÙnia --- voz mais perto de vocÍ``. It's notable that 11780 is always the 25m SSOB in the nightmiddle, and even the OSOB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SPAIN [and non]

** BURMA [non]. CLANDESTINE: 6225, Democratic V. of Burma via Tajikistan, Jan 20 *1430-1437, 35333, Burmese, 1430 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. [Re 14-03, ``KHDH.com`` mentions on 740 CFZM Toronto:]

1) The KHDH was actually CHDH 97.7 FM. See photo at http://www.yelp.ca/biz_photos/khdh-97-7-fm-the-nation-station-siksika-146?select=JpyJ-0hJECAGZ1QWWsNVDg#JpyJ-0hJECAGZ1QWWsNVDg

2) I eventually googled 740 AM and found KTRH in Houston TX ("Houston's News, Weather and Traffic Station"), which is about 500 miles away from you in Enid as the radio wave flies. Perhaps this was the station you received. More info at

<http://www.radio-locator.com/info/KTRH-AM>

and

<http://www.ktrh.com/main.html>

(Shawn From Flushing NY Fahrer, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, someone around there thinks it should be KHDH. Not first time a Canadian station has been forced into US-like calls by the ignorant. Definitely not KTRH Houston. I am well aware of that station and it was not involved in this log (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** CANADA. Subject: [DX-tip] CFMB 1280 Montreal Again Tonight --- For the second straight night, CFMB is blasting in at my Madison WI QTH, despite its tight northern night pattern. It is making a very rare appearance here, and I cannot help but feel it is reaching much farther west. Currently (1900 CST) it is carrying the SS program "Onda Latina" (Bill Dvorak, Madison WI, 0107 UT Jan 17, via ABDX via DXLD)

They're in Russian now, according to the webstream heard here at 2006 CLT [0206 UT]. Trying for them on 1280, but not getting anything except WGBF and an unID with Spanish. Haven't heard Montreal on 1280 since CJMS was there in the 1990s. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska, 0211 UT Jan 17, ABDX via DXLD)

Thanks, Bill, for the heads up. CFMB 1280 in well with Spanish program. Judging from their power level here in Joliet, IL they could easily make it much further west! (Tom Jasinski, Joliet, IL, ibid.)

Here's the funny thing. They were off air all day today. Now they're loud and clear here in Ottawa. We never hear them at all at night. They're usually the first station in Montreal to change patterns, often a half hour before CJAD 800 (Justin Nielsen, 0319 UT, ibid.)

** CANADA. CFRX, 6070, Toronto, Ontario, has been off the air for several months. Can we now assume that this station is forever off the air? Is there any hope for its return? I presume it probably went off the air due to equipment failure. I also presume that there is no interest to revive it since it generates no income. Any comments would be appreciated. Thanks, (Karl Zuk, N2KZ near NYC, Jan 19, ODXA yg via DXLD)

It's not dead. The license was just renewed, and it was an equipment failure. It hasn't been great weather to go out and install it (bitter cold, freezing rain, heavy snow, etc). It's supposed to go back on the air at some point in the future (Justin Nielsen, ibid.)

** CANADA. 6160, (NEWFOUNDLAND) CKZN St. John's, 2344 Jan 16/17, under CKZU Vancouver. Vancouver with iOn the Coast program, while St. John's was airing iAs It Happens until 2400. At 2359:30 both stations

ran the same promo for iThe Currentî, CKZN slightly behind CKZU.
0004:30 heard CKZN with CBC Radio theme music and then recognized iThe Current Reviewî with Anna Maria Tremonte. Very poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
See also NEWFOUNDLAND

** CANADA. CANADIAN WEATHER WATCHER'S LIFE-SAVING WORK WINS KUDOS FROM U.S. COAST GUARD ---- GLORIA GALLOWAY, OTTAWA ó The Globe and Mail
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In late November of 2009, a 60-foot yacht named the Barbara sent out a distress call after being stranded without an operable rudder 120 nautical miles northwest of Bermuda. The U.S. Coast Guard did not hear it. But Herb Hilgenberg did.

The former financial executive and mechanical engineer picked up the signal on the marine radio he had set up in the basement laundry room of his home in Burlington, Ont. After alerting the authorities to the Barbara's plight, he told the ship's captain to create a makeshift rudder using any large object that would float, like a foam mattress or a wooden door. Then he kept round-the-clock communications with the vessel for more than two days until the Coast Guard could get it towed to port.

For that and countless other rescues over 25 years of voluntarily providing weather information and sailing smarts to ships travelling the high seas, Mr. Hilgenberg was presented in December with the United States Coast Guard's Meritorious Public Service Award. An American Coast Guard spokesman said it was the first time he remembers the award going to a Canadian.

iI was able to avoid rescue situations by keeping people out of trouble,î Mr. Hilgenberg, 76, who retired from his marine broadcasts last June, said in a telephone interview with The Globe and Mail.
iThere were times when I had to call the Coast Guard in order to avoid a situation, or there [were situations in which] the Coast Guard would call me.î

Mr. Hilgenberg's specialty was weather prediction. Using data provided by the U.S. Navy, the National Weather Service and the conversations he had with people on board ships travelling the Atlantic, the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico and sometimes even the Mediterranean, he could figure out better than almost anyone where a storm was brewing and how to avoid it.

In its citation, the Coast Guard says he iselflessly volunteered up to eight hours a day bridging the gap in offshore weather and communications.î It also says his conversations with as many as 80 vessels a day iprevented 100 to 150 mariners per year from unknowingly sailing into dangerous storm conditions and avoided potential United States Coast Guard sorties during treacherous weather.î

Mr. Hilgenberg has always loved sailing. His wife, Brigitte, shared his passion, and he says their two daughters were practically born on their sailboat. In November, 1982, the family sailed their 39-footer from New York to the Virgin Islands and got caught in a late-season tropical storm.

îWhatever information we got when we left was good. But it was only good as far as near-shore forecasts were concerned, not 100, 200, 300 or 1,000 miles out. So we just ran into that storm,î said Mr. Hilgenberg. îWe survived. Some of the boats that we left with did not survive.î

A year later, he took a job as a chief financial officer in Bermuda where he and his family lived for the next decade. îAnd I began to realize that, my God, we were not the only idiots who had run into this kind of a situation. It was happening every day. And thatís when I said maybe I can do something about it.î

Using his ham radio in the evening after getting off work, he kept in touch with ships that left Bermuda. Sometimes, when they were halfway across the Atlantic, they would run into storms and the captains would ask Mr. Hilgenberg to plot a route to safety.

îI was using that information to now start to make an analysis of what was happening out on the Atlantic,î Mr. Hilgenberg explained. îI used that to guide the ships across the Atlantic. And they, in turn, gave me the information that they were encountering and I passed that on to the U.S. naval station in Bermuda and the National Weather Service in Washington D.C.î

In 1994, Mr. Hilgenberg retired from his job and moved back to Burlington. îI basically figured that was it, I wouldnít do any more communication with boats,î he said. îBut I was getting phone calls from people saying, òLook, can you continue to help us obtain weather information and help us across the Atlantic and to avoid bad weather?îî

So he applied for a high-frequency marine radio station licence with Industry Canada, put a pair of satellite dishes in his backyard, and moved the washer and dryer out of his laundry room to create a marine

radio station. Every day, he would obtain weather data starting at about 10 a.m., conduct his analysis, then begin talking with the ships by about 3 or 4 p.m. ñ a process that did not end until mid-evening.

îI was doing this seven days a week, many hours a day, for 51 weeks a year,î Mr. Hilgenberg said.

Marc Hersch of Santa Cruz, Calif., is one of the people who relied on Mr. Hilgenberg's forecasts. îHe was truly a godsend for people sailing small boats on oceans,î said Mr. Hersch, who crossed the Atlantic with his family in a 42-foot sailboat and lived by Mr. Hilgenberg's advice. It was hugely comforting, he said, adding that he believes Mr. Hilgenberg saved him from trouble many times. îHe was a very colourful character who became virtually an institution on the boat,î Mr. Hersch said. îA lot of our sailing activities centred around the schedule and the messages he delivered to us.î

There were many stories of high drama. Like the time three elderly people set out for the Virgin Islands from Jacksonville, Fla., in a 42-foot boat as a storm approached.

Mr. Hilgenberg warned them to turn back but they assured him they were experienced sailors and would be just fine. Then the weather caught up to them and they had a problem with their rudder. And, although they had an emergency beacon, it was an older type that did not provide the ship's location. So Mr. Hilgenberg contacted the Coast Guard and provided the position of the distressed ship. Helicopters rescued the three seniors just before their boat sank below the water.

By the time Mr. Hilgenberg retired from his marine broadcasts, there was not as much need for his services as there was 25 years ago. Internet technology had progressed to the point where ships far from land could access their own weather charts and satellite images. Even so, sailors on Internet bulletin boards lamented losing his trusted advice.

Saving boats and their crew from peril made the work worthwhile, Mr. Hilgenberg said: îTo listen to what all the boats you are talking to are experiencing, and how you are getting them out of trouble, and how you are helping them. It was fantastic.î (via Harry Van Vugt, Ont., WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

WTFK? Nor in all this long story do they ever get around to naming his net. Searching on unusual name Hilgenberg in the DXLD archive leads immediately to DXLDs 11-05 and 11-49: Southbound II, on 12359-USB. Also earlier stories in 2005y and 2002y (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST) obit

** CHECHNYA [and non]. 13740, HCJB Chechen, 1618 with signal S5, QRMed by a mysterious buzzer (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, using the standard rig of R75 and 16 in[verted?] V antenna, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Via AUSTRIA. Aha, solution to the Chechnya problem: turn them all into Christians! (Life is too short to spend any time at all, fighting over imaginary theologies) (gh, ibid.)

** CHILE. Feeder chileno en 12365 kHz --- Al momento 0025 UT est. al aire el feeder chileno en 12365 USB con un partido de f'tbol, Colo-Colo vs Antofagasta? No logro identificar la emisora que est. retransmitiendo pero no me parece que sea Radio Cooperativa (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogot., Colombia, UT Jan 16, condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

Com um sinal muito fraco, quase imperceptível, mas eu escuto em meu Degen o que parece ser uma narraçã,o de futebol com comentários. A recepçã,o est. quase sem qualquer tipo de ruído, mais infelizmente, o sinal est. muito baixo. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14YS 38 58YW - Brasil, 0043 UT Jan 16, ibid.)

La se0al que est. retransmitiendo es Radio Agricultura, 92.1 FM y 570 AM seg'n anuncian; revisando el audio en línea, la se0al de onda corta est. retrasada casi 12 segundos (Rafael R., 0133 UT, ibid.)

Hola: Lamentablemente vi tarde esto. Pero lo m.s probable es que sea Agricultura por las se0as dadas. Ya que en Onda Media, Cooperativa y Agricultura son las m.s escuchadas para los partidos de f'tbol. Voy a ver si es posible monitorear los pr0ximos partidos considerados importantes i.e.: Colo-Colo o Universidad de Chile.

Por otro lado, no ten1a informaci0n de transmisi0n otros partidos, fuera de los oficiales de la selecci0n chilena. 0Nuevo criterio por el posible fallo desfavorable de la Haya (disputa territorial mar1tima con Per')? Esto me confirma que el QTH de la emisi0n proviene del norte (Claudio Galaz, Chile, 0327 UT Jan 16, ibid.) How so?? (gh)

** CHINA. 11635, Firedrake, 1216 January 5, 2014. Two out-of-synch Firedrake transmitters here, with something weak (Radio Taiwan Int'l?) under. First time I can recall hearing two Firedrake signals on the same channel (Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9955, CRI jammer 1528 Jan 11, against Nippon no Kaze and signal S9 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, using the standard rig of R75 and 16 in[verted?] V antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Not 9955 for this one and why would China be jamming it? Nippon no Kaze is on 9965 at 1530-1600 per Aoki. If he was really on 9955, per Aoki, on Tue & Thu RFA in Tibetan via Tinian is there at 15-16,

certainly drawing jamming; but Jan 11 was Sat. Then he properly logs NnK on 9965 at 1551 same date; no jamming mentioned but I = 2. See that under KOREA NORTH [non] (gh)

Firedrake, Jan 16 at 1437-1448 on the usual spots: 12045 good with flutter, 9315 mixing VOA Tibetan, 6145 good against Taiwan.

CNR1 jamming, Jan 16: 9450 at 1443 Jan 16, mixed with extremely distorted spurblob, same modulation but unsynchronized with it, extending 9400-9450 and peaking around 9435-9440. 6075 at 1448 Jan 16 is CNR1 jamming only, no Firedrake audible here.

At 1453 Jan 16, CNR1 jamming at G-VG levels on 9530, 9605, 9680, and with echo on 9825. At 1500 it's stopped on 9530, allowing the VOA YDD sign-off to be heard clearly. By 1502, the CNR1 jamspots on 31m have changed to: 9435 area blob, 9495, 9680, 9790 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EAST JAMMERSTAN: 9355, Crash & Bang Chinese Music Jammer; 1930, 17-Jan; // 9455. Both also at 2035 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12045, Crash & Bang Chinese Music Jammer; 1401, 18-Jan; Crash & Bang Lite -- more tuneful than the usual cacophony. // 9315, // 6145, // 6075; all covering detectable audio. (Frodge-DXP)

6145, Crash & Bang Chinese Music Jammer; 1502, 18-Jan; weak.

7495, Crash & Bang Chinese Music Jammer; 2133, 18-Jan; Under Arabic station -- Algeria via France? (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7385, China Nat'l Radio (presumed); 1148, 19-Jan; M in Chinese with extremely high-pitched Chinese opera music (woman in great pain kinda stuff). S10; // 7365 S9; 7345 S8; 7305 S9; // 7280 S25; // 7230 S7; // 7470 S10; // 6125 S7; // 6175 S7; // 6180 S6; // 5945 weak; // 5915 S6; // 5905 S4. Very effective crash & bang substitute (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) Many of these frequencies are in fact CNR1 jammers, so filed in the primary section for China in DXLD: jamming (gh)

Firedrake Jan 19 at 1405: 6075 fair mixing with CNR1 jamming with ID

as ``Chung-guo zhi sheng``; 6145 good with FD only, both against inaudible RTI; 9315 fair at 1410; 12045 fair at 1410, mixing with Chinese, probably more CNR1 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9465, Jan 20 at 1523, approx. center of FMy distorted spurblob, modulation matching part of the CNR1 jamming pileup on 9450, so possibly out of that.

9570, Jan 20 at 1524, Firedrake poor-fair here atop algo; unusual spot to hear it. Aoki shows VOA Uzbek via Vatican at 1500-1530 only. So here we have both VOA violating Separation of Church and State, and the ChiCom Interfering in the Internal Affairs of Uzbekistan! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9875, "Firedrake Jammer", 2311 UT 20/01. M'sica instrumental china, interfiere programa en tibetano de Radio Free Asia vĩa Lituania, SINPO: 45344 (Marcos Cox, Vicuõa, Chile, Receptor: DEGEN DE1103; Antena: Cable largo 3 Metros, condiglista yg via DXLD)

13850, Jan 21 at 0118, CNR1 good with flutter, why? Aoki shows only *jammer reason to be here is to block a 100-watt nuisance transmitter on Taiwan from Sound of Hope, any time between 2130 and 1430.

11695, Jan 22 at 1503, CNR1 jamming, which Aoki shows is against VOA Uzbek via Sri Lanka this semihour only. // stronger 11640 which is against RFA Tibetan via Kuwait this hour only. CNR1 // many others of course, even down to 6020 to block RFA Chinese via Tinian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 11740, Jan 21 at 0058, checking for AIR Sinhala service via GOA, q.v., usual occupant, the music I hear, fair with flutter, is followed by talk in Chinese! And no sign of another signal. Aoki shows it's CNR2, at 2055-0100, 100 kW, 286 degrees from Lingshi 725 site (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 10000, BPM China time station; 2027, 17-Jan; Repeated code ID during 2029, code stopped at 2029:40; during the code there was also a weak voice plus a whistler -- like a ham trying to attention. BPM & WWV pips were slightly offset (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. Uniminuto Radio 1430 AM --- El nuevo aõo trajo cambio para la seõal 1430 kHz en Bogot.; desde hacer un par de dĩa se escucha la seõal de Uniminuto Radio, emisora perteneciente a la Universidad Minuto de Dios y a la corporaciõn religiosa del mismo nombre. Anuncia una nueva programaciõn para esta seõal.

Así parece que la Asociación Voz de María que operaba la Emisora Kennedy desde 1955 ha cedido o arrendado el uso de la frecuencia. Aunque desaparece la tradicional emisora, ojalá la programación y el contenido generado por la emisora universitaria pueda oxigenar un poco el Éter de la onda media de Bogotá, lleno de solo estaciones evangélicas, programas de medicina natural y brujos (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá, Jan 19, dxdesdecolumbia.blogspot.com condiglista yg via DXLD) Seems like another evangelical station to me (gh)

** COLOMBIA. The name and format changes on three Caracol stations --- With credit to Yimber Gaviria, following Colombian name and format changes from. His website <http://www.slideshare.net/dxreport/dx-logs-enero-2014> where he announces that now the same format and name also 830 (Medellín) and 1070 (Bogotá, the former Radio Santa Fé). All these stations are now operated by Caracol, but the program is thus distinct from Caracol's usual format. Oxígeno run, as all Colombians connoisseurs might know (?) Usually locally.

Q'hubo is a common greeting - type "hello" - which is pronounced something like "kjuvâ". There is incidentally a popular tabloid of the same name for several years. Actually, it should be properly written ¿quÉ Hubo? But now has the pronunciation defaced, which of course happens in the spoken language (Henrik Klemetz, ARC mv-eko 20 Jan via DXLD)

Full original story gh finally located:
<http://www.elpais.com.co/elpais/california/noticias/qhubo-radio-aire-nueva-propuesta-informativa-para-california>
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. CHASQUI DX PFA ñ ENERO --- CQ, CQ, CQ; Aquí Pedro F. Arrun·tegui para compartir algo con los que disfrutan y aman el DX latinoamericano, todas las horas son UTC, desde la tierra de los incas, les informo mediante este Quipus lo siguiente:

5910.06, Alcarav·n Radio, Puerto Lleras, 17/01 0935-1005, 44444, mx folklorica joropo y romantica LA. ID iAlcarav·n 5910, servicio de onda corta, mx. ID iVariedad musical en 1530 AM Alcarav·n Radio. NOTA: reportado antes en 5909.92. Muchos 128¿s PFA (Pedro F. Arrun·tegui, Lima, Per·, Chasqui DX January, La recepción la he efectuado del 2/01 al 21/01 en compañía de mi sabueso Icom IC R72, acompañado del Mizuho KX-3, una antena de hilo largo de 12 metros y una antena loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO. I've been chasing this one for some time now. Unfortunately QRN level in the middle of summer is just unbearable so no good

recording yet. However the signal is audible and ineligible [?] most of the time. Luckily, it is on a clear frequency during it's time slot. 6115 Radio Congo, January 16, 2014. From around 1640 to 1824 UT. Male speaker, interview and commentary. Very long, and very monotone speech. Noisy, but steady carrier, S6. Best around 1720, then progressively worse. No music or time signals. CL at 1824. [Country #80] 73 (Nick Hacko, VK2DX, Sydney NSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR. 5066.3, Radio Candip at 1800 in French with American soul music and a children's choir then news at 1830 followed by long talks ñ Good Jan 17 (Christoph Ratzer, Salzburg, AUSTRIA, Winradio Exalibur Pro and 200' wire, ODXA YRX via DXLD)

** CUBA. 4765, Jan 18 at 0114, R. Progreso open carrier is already on prior to 0130-0500 broadcast. Why don't they run it much longer? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Both again on air in \\, R Rebelde 5025 and RHC 5040 kHz, so their maintenance break is over now, reported first side-by-side yesterday on Jan 16. Both noted this morning with S=9+15dB signal into Germany (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ?? Never with // programming (gh, DXLD)

5025, Jan 17 at 2305, Rebelde music with SAH of about 4 Hz until it stops at 2306*. Can't be Quillabamba which is too weak and too far off-frequency. Most likely a second Cuban transmitter for some reason (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5025, Radio Rebelde; 1345, 18-Jan; M in Spanish talk over soft music & Habana addy; 1348 Spanish press review. SIO=353. They've been reported missing now & again lately & don't seem to be the usual flame thrower. Maybe they're diverting power to the Martí & WRMI jammers (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. RHC English at 0605 UT Jan 17, 6060 and 6100 kHz both S=9+25dB here in Germany, but 6000 kHz suffered signal [and hit also by BBC BUZZ signal on 6005 kHz], 6000 was only poor tiny S=4-5. At same time RNB Brazil on 6180.005 and R Educaci n Mexico City on odd 6184.984 kHz, at same level (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

165, Jan 17 at 0632, RHC is AWOL from prime English frequency, but still plenty overkill on the other four. Uncovers no Chad on 6165, but less QRM to Canada 6160, Austria 6155.

6165, Jan 18 at 0101, no RHC English, just hash; it's on by next check 0134.

11760, Jan 18 at 2134, RHC in Portuguese // 11880, the only frequency it's supposed to be on with 11760 closing at 2130 after French. By 2144, 11760 has been turned off late by the slopperators at RadioCuba.

6000, Jan 19 at 0111, RHC English is very undermodulated, compared to OK // 6165.

13740, Jan 19 at 0116, no signal from RHC, so no QRM to 13745 Thailand in Thai to North America. Is RHC Spanish on the 13740 air all evening as scheduled, or not?

6140, Jan 19 at 0635, RHC English audible here very poorly, which worx out as a leapfrog of 6060 over 6100 another 40 kHz higher. First time heard here, but can't be positive whether it's transmitted or resulting from receiver overload.

13780, Jan 19 at 1422, RHC Spanish with distorted modulation and splattering above and below during 'Amigos de Cuba'. Such deficient transmission should not gain them any friends (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6270, Radio Habana Cuba; 0223, 19-Jan; 6060/6165 mixing product; 6165 + (6165 - 6060). weak; // 6060 S30; // 6070 S9; // 5040 S9, all in Spanish. 6165 was in English, but only hear the Spanish on 6270 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11880, Jan 19 at 2108 check, RHC is missing from French to Africa broadcast, but still on 11760 in French to Americas. It's always something wrong at RHC.

11750, Jan 20 at 1413, RHC missing from one of its weak frequencies; but audible at 1521 along with another one, 9540 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. MAREite Marc Kulbacki reminded us that 'numbers stations' are not something most non-radio geeks know what to make of.

and

Numbers stations have been 'in flux' during last year or so -- all those heard have been the new 'hybrid digital mode' signals since last January -- has anyone heard a 'plain voice' (V02) spook since then? The 'new' format is distinctive, and here's what it looks like on a waterfall display:

and the 'numbers1' mp3 attached is a recording made by Marc during his log below so you can hear what it sounds like.

SO -- in case you're keeping track, here's a 'sked' based on what MAREs have reported: (and see the attached picture for a grid you can print out and use to keep track of new stuff!)

4035	0400	(Monday)	V02 SS female voice (12/2012)
5833	0700	(Sun/Tue/Fri/Sat)	V02 SS female voice (07/2012)
5855	0500	(Sun, Wed)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#
"	1000	(Sunday)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#
9240	0900	(Wednesday)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#
9330	0700	(Monday)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#
9875	2200	(Saturday)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#
10345	0600	(Monday)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#
10715	2200	(Sunday)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#
11635	1800	(Tues & Sat)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#
"	2100	(Wednesday)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#
13380	2000	(Tuesday)	V02 SS female voice (01/2013)
13435	0700	(Saturday)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#
17477	2200	(Tuesday)	HM01 hybrid SS 5d#

Of course, we're sure there are others out there. Help us make this list more complete! Use the chart to help us 'fill in the blanks'. Let us know what YOU are hearing so we can make this chart more up to date and complete! Why? Because it is on the radio! And this is a fun way to demonstrate we are easily amused! :) (Ken Zichi, ed., MARE Tipsheet 17 Jan via DXLD)

5855/AM, Cuban 5d + digital data HM01 spook. The 'tones' before the digital data are NOT DTMF (telephone) tones but are at about 1180 and 1520 Hz which is the 'two tone' tuning/start signal for the "Redundant Digital File Transfer" format (RDFT). The digital data is apparently sent using this RDFT mode which so far as I know is only decodable with DIGTRX (windoze) software. Anyone know of other ways to decode this? Of course it will still be 'in code' so not really meaningful, it just sounds like a fun challenge to try! (OK, I do need help.) In well (better than RHC is coming in this hour!) 4+54+4+4+ 0534-0555* 12/Jan (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 17 Jan via DXLD)

HM01 Emergency(?) Transmission 01/17/2014 --- This may be a live transmission from iThe Cuban Ladyî, so letís put on our thinking caps about this one. After two days of inactivity (numbers not changing from 01/15 through 01/16), our ifavoriteî numbers station pulled out something somewhat unexpected: an entirely new bunch of numbers (and, presumably, data files as well) earlier today ñ January 17, 2014. As (barely) heard on 5855 kHz @ 05 UT, but confirmed (with much clearer

signals) on both 11435 kHz @ 06 UT and 9330 kHz @ 07 UT, those new numbers are:

81817 // 14855 // 81785 // 82461 // 65525 // 61073

It is time to pull out those one-time pads (which may have been the purpose of the one-time V02 transmission earlier this year which put out a whole bunch of numbers all at once) and try to figure out what they're saying this time.

Until the secret is revealed, this is your intrepid reporter (Shawn From Flushing NY Fahrer, (for whom having merely a \$ 20 SW radio and no ability to link it to a computer doesn't stop him from getting the word out to those who want and need to know), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This sounds like business as usual to me. I've been listening to Cuban numbers for decades and nothing they do surprises me. They had 2 hours of RHC audio in place of HM01 earlier this month. Changing the message is not very unusual. What makes you think it was a "live" transmission? DH KCMO (Dave Hughes, Kansas City MO, ibid.)

If I recall properly, Glenn, you mentioned that RHC had used this frequency for a French language transmission about 2 - 3 weeks ago (and I had pointed out that HM01 may have "adopted" 10200 kHz for their 06 UT transmission, which is usually listed as being off band at 10345, at times I had found it at 11435). However, for the past two nights (UT Sunday 1/19 and UT Monday 1/20), I found the HM01 transmission at that frequency (or thereabouts) for their 06 UT broadcast. A quick Google search shows that some Chinese spies have apparently used this frequency in the past.

Note that it is quite possible that this frequency may have actually been 10100 kHz -- was THIS the frequency that you had mentioned as opposed to 10200 kHz (with my wacky dial, I never know for sure, especially with a station that doesn't "advertise" its frequencies). If someone else monitored these broadcasts with better equipment, perhaps they can help me out on this (Shawn From Flushing NY (who can get 'em but not always tell you quite where they were), Jan 20, ibid.)

Shawn, 10100 was reported by several but not me in French at 2100 on Dec 14, as in DXLD 13-51. I heard: 10432-AM, Dec 20 at 1452, RHC Spanish is here mixed with RTTY, as in DXLD 13-52. As I had to hunt thru these issues to answer your question, something you could also do. 73, (Glenn, ibid.)

** CUBA [non]. 9490, R. REPUBLICA, 20/01 0220 UT. Via Issoudun, Francia. Noticias sobre el estado de ciertos presos políticos en Cuba,

especialmente el judío americano Alan Gross. SINPO: 54444 con un leve ruido blanco del Cuban Noise Jammer, pero que aumenta cerca de las 0234 en adelante, dejando el SINPO: 43343 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros. QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CZECHIA [and non]. MILAN SCHULZ, EXILED AUTHOR, RFE BROADCASTER DIES IN MUNICH --- Radio Prague By Daniela Lazarov. 21 January 2014

Czech-born author, journalist and Radio Free Europe broadcaster Milan Schulz died in Munich on Monday at the age of 83. He emigrated in 1969 but the link to his homeland remained firm and for hundreds of thousands of his compatriots behind the Iron Curtain his daily commentaries on RFE were a breath of fresh air in the constrained atmosphere of communist rule. I asked his former colleague broadcaster Petr Brod to share his memories of those days...

Full article and programme audio here

<http://www.radio.cz/en/section/curraffrs/milan-schulz-exiled-author-rfe-broadcaster-dies-in-munich>

(via Mike Terry, Jan 21, dxldyg via DXLD)

** DIEGO GARCIA. QSL from Diego Garcia received today. QSL request mailed on December 19. \$3 enclosed for return postage were sent back with the card. Photo of AFN Diego Garcia studio (image found online) <http://nickvk2dx.blogspot.com.au/2014/01/qs1-14-afn-radio-diego-garcia.html> Good job AFN / AFRTS, well done. Thank you (Nick VK2DX Hacko, NSW, Jan 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Proxy from HQ in LA, not DG direct

4319-USB, AFN, 2212-2237, 1/12/14, pop music program, including Philip Philips "Home" song, female brief talk between songs, 2231 some type of ad "brought to you by..." Poor (Kevin Murray, Jamestown, Rhode Island, AOR 7030, Drake R-8, Carolina Beam antenna, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

4319-USB, AFN, 2345 to 0015 pop rock music with announcements then ute QRN takes over after 0000, 15 January and other days same time. 1.2k filter assists after 0000 using 746Pro (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas; and XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12759-USB, Jan 18 at 0112, AFN is barely audible with music, but unseems rock; 0131 talk in English. I figured it might make it since India and Sri Lanka were in on 25m; not audible checked before 0100, probably before switching from 4319-USB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) simultaneously:

BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY, 12759/USB, AFN; 0116-0130+, 18-Jan;

Non-Top-40 pop tunes to AFN spot at 0130. Fair+ Tried several times during the DXP and never heard 4319 (Harold Frodger, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC [and non]. /USA Glenn, one question, has been ever traced the La Voz del CID location in Central America or Caribbean? We had a discussion recently on German hobbyists group. My search in Google couldn't find any reliable answer, mostly El Salvador as location mentioned, - and Costa Rica as mail address?

Was RMI's 50 kW unit at Miami downtown taken from former La Voz del CID site, acc Jeff White had connections to Cuban opposite radio groups? (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 15 via DXLD)

LV del CID had several different transmitter locations, also with sub-names, like Radio Antonio Maceo, etc. I'm not sure of anything definite, but Costa Rica, probably Dominican Republic, Venezuela. Maybe El Salvador too.

The ex-WRMI transmitter in Hialeah was acquired from Radio Clarin, Dominican Republic (ex-11700), according to what Jeff White has always said, and I see no reason to doubt that. I don't know that it was ever used for CID, but I suppose it could have been (Glenn Hauser-OK-USA, Jan 12, ibid.) See also GUATEMALA!

** EAST TURKISTAN. 4500, CHINA, Urumqi. "PBS Xinjiang", 0126 UT 20/01. Conversación entre locutor y locutora en idioma mongol, señal debil pero escuchable en algunos momentos en el fading, SINPO: 25332 (Marcos Cox, Vicuña, Chile, Receptor: DEGEN DE1103; Antena: Cable largo 3 Metros, condiglista yg via DXLD)

4980, CHINA, PBS Urumqi in Uighur, S=9+10dB signal at 1752 UT. 5059.983, XJBS PBS Urumqi in Chinese, S=7-8 signal at 1758 UT Jan 18 (Wolfgang B_schel, log on Ceylon [sic] island, Jan 18 at 17-18 UT slot using Victor Goonetilleke's Perseus remote receiver, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7205, Jan 21 at 0109, talk in central Asian language, poor with flutter. Aoki shows it can only be PBS Xinjiang in Uighur, 100 kW, 230 degrees from Urumqi at 2310-0300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHINA. 17720 $\pm$ 11 kHz wide signal of CRI German service from Kashi-Kashgar site, 0602 UT.

15665, Russian service of CRI Kashgar 0400-0557 UT, heard on signing

off announcement 0556 UT, 18 kHz wide signal, well ahead of co-channel RFA Agingan Point Saipan relay Chinese service (Wolfgang B. Schell, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 6050, HCJB, 19/01 0205 UT. Hombre habla en quechua con citas bíblicas con SINPO: 53343. La señal tiene un splatter muy fuerte proveniente de una transmisión de fútbol argentino desde RNA en 6060, el cual al subir (desde 6050) entre 5 a 6 kHz se escucha como un espurio sobremodulado (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

6050, Pichincha. "HCJB Ecuador", 0140 UT 20/01. Lectura de versículos de la biblia en Waodani y anuncios publicitarios que mencionan a Imbabura y a Jesucristo, Música local en kichwa entre lecturas del locutor, SINPO: 45454 (Marcos Cox, Vicuña, Chile, Receptor: DEGEN DE1103; Antena: Cable largo 3 Metros, condiglista yg via DXLD)

6050, HCJB, 21/01 0057 UT. Mujer despide la transmisión de un festival de música folklórica cristiana en quechua, se dan los pitidos horarios a las 01, nombrando las frecuencias de la emisora en FM, AM y OC en español, conjuntamente a la lectura de la hora. Posterior a las 01 se comienza un programa en idioma Waodani (según Aoki), presentado por la voz de un varón y pronunciado como: ¡Programa en Huaoranií!. Cerca de las 0101 existe un cñtico realizado por mujeres parecido a un mantra. SINPO: 55454 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

6050, Jan 21 at 0102, strange chanting not recognizably Christian, fair signal from HCJB; 0104 non-Spanish announcement does not sound Quichua. Aoki sorts out the various other Vozandes languages, showing Waodani at 0100-0130 M-F (more likely UT Tue-Sat), Also on the schedule at certain other times are Chapala at 2130-2200 M-F, Shuar at 2330-2400 M-F, Cofan at 0000-0030 daily; besides lots of Quechua [sic] and Spanish. All 10 kW on dual beams 18 and 172 degrees, i.e. roughly N/S, but not exactly opposite.

Altho all these languages could be considered ``domestic``, WRTH 2014 mixes the same schedules (including Waodani as allegedly UT M-F) with HCJB relays abroad in the International section on page 457; and referred to in the national section, page 187 with alternate spellings: Cofan, Kechwa, Cha'paala, while in the Int'l section it's Cha palaa. WRTH has the 6050 site correctly as Mount Pichincha, while Aoki still shows it as Pifo, long dismantled and abandoned to air traffic. EiBi shows site ``c`` [meaning piCo piChinCha] and agrees with me that Waodani must be UT Tue-Sat, not M-F (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050, HCJB, 22/01 0101 UT. Comienzo del programa en idioma Huaorani con presentaci n del mismo con algunas pocas palabras en espa ol. Desde las 0102 se escucha el cantico de invocaci n (mantra) y a un hombre predicando en aquel idioma, excepto la ubicaci n de las citas de la Biblia, que se realizan en idioma espa ol, al igual como se realiza en los programas en quechua en HCJB y otras emisoras. Aquel canto o mantra, se repite a las 0115, para pasar a unos cantos de gloria (palabra repetida varias veces) y una versi n coral en espa ol del canto: iRey de Reyesi del grupo de rock cristiano Petra y volver a un devocional hasta las 0129, cuando se finaliza con la versi n ind gena del canto: iDemos gracias al Se or (Por la ma ana, las aves cantan)i SINPO: 55454 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

** ECUADOR [non]. 13740, HCJB, Chechen, 1618 with signal S5 QRMed by a mysterious buzzer, Jan 11 (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Site: AUSTRIA

** EGYPT. 9410, Jan 16 at 2106, very distorted modulation, can't even tell the language, but it must be R. Cairo as scheduled in French to Europe at 2000-2115 via Abu Zaabal. Once a prime BBC frequency in English, they're finished with 9410 at 1900 after Kinyarwanda/Kirundi weekdays, turning it over to useless Cairo, first in German at 1900-2000 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9965, Jan 19 at 0122, bigsig but only modulation is lo-pitched tone, from R. Cairo Arabic service; much stronger than 9720 in distorted talk, presumably Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11905, AWFUL terrible distorted signal from R Cairo Abis site, ± 32 kHz wide powerhouse, 11873 to 11935 kHz. Scheduled 02-07 UT, noted at 0505 UT on Jan 19 (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: Egitto, R. CAIRO, Abu Zaabal, 17870 kHz (28.4.2013), Cartolina QSL, lettera e scheda (lettera raccomandata) in 42 giorni. E-rpt con MP3 spedito a: freqmeg@yahoo.com V/s: Eng. Samia Abdel Hadi-Director of Wave Propagation Department (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan 21, playdx yg via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [and non]. 5005.0, RN Guinea Bata, carrier visible tiny S=4-5, b u t little QRM by odd 5008.474 RTM Madagasikara, Antananarivo, hops up and down by ± 20 Hertz, S=7 at 1753 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, log on Ceylon [sic] island, Jan 18 at 17-18 UT slot using Victor Goonetilleke's Perseus remote receiver, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [non]. 17790, Jan 18 [not 19] at 1615, R. Africa Network via WRMI with three separate IDs in a row, each with a different address, P O boxes in Kenya, Uganda, and Zambia; spelling everything including names of countries for the woefully ignorant, yet literate. Usual lowered modulation level (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [non]. 11720, 18/1 1720, Voice of the Forum of Eritreans - Relay Bulgaria, Tigrino, mx afro, buono (Roberto Pavanello, Italy, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 17630, 18/1 1625, R. Xoriyo - Toronto, Somalo, mx afro, buono,
<http://www.ogadennet.com/> admin @ ogadennet.com ogadenews @ gmail.com (Roberto Pavanello, Italy, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Dear Glenn, Regarding the following info on DXLD 1352: ``ITALY [non]. New broadcasts of NEXUS --- Radio Oromgenati or something, not Radio Santec Cosmic Wave on Dec. 20 1500-1530 on 15515 TIG 150 kW / 165 deg to CEAF Somali Fri; Oromo Sat -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, Dec 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

I found that the broadcasting is "Radio Warra Wangeelaa." Please refer to their website: <http://uocece.org/>

In Oromo language, the ID sounds like "Kun Radio Warra Wangeelaa-ti." Apparently "Warra Wangeelaa" is pronounced together like "Worongela", I think "Oromgenati" in Ivo's report can be interpreted from that pronunciation.

According to the website, they broadcast every Saturday on 15515 kHz at 1500-1530 UT via IRRS, but I received the same broadcast (also via IRRS) on 15190 kHz at 1500 UT today on Sunday Jan 19.

Sound clip is posted in my own blog (Sorry, in Japanese):
<http://shortwaverecording.blog.so-net.ne.jp/2014-01-19>

I hope the above info helps. I am a Japanese shortwave listener, who is temporarily living in USA. Best 73's, (SakaE OBARA, Fort Lee, New Jersey, USA, AB5MF (also JH0BDK), Jan 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 15360, BULGARIA, ESAT Radio via Sofia (Kostinbrod), 1715-1732 GMT. Amharic language program at tune in 1715 music in progress until 1716 then male presenter talking and at 1718 musical bridge and man resumed talking at 1719 another musical bridge (a few seconds) then man continued talking and then another musical bridge

(several seconds) at 1721 GMT and male presumed talking. At 1724 another musical bridge followed by the male presenter continuing to speak. At 1725 and 1726 two more musical bridges (few seconds each) after which male presenter continued speaking. At 1728 song by female singer which lasted until 1732 at which time a male presenter resumed speaking and I tuned out. Fair peaking to good signal. 01-19-14 (Steve Handler, Buffalo Grove IL, Icom IC-7200, Tecsun PL-660, wire antennas, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 19 via DXLD) See also UNIDENTIFIED

I question how useful it is to anyone, citing detailed times of ``man or woman talking`` and musical bridges. One could mention this as a generality, once. Even a station would not have such a record to consult for QSLing. This comment goes for many other reports and reporters (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 17850, Jan 18 at 1559, waiting for Oromo Voice to come on this Saturday: carrier finally on at *1600:14, and lo-fi Oromo sign-on starts at 1600:25. VG signal strength via Issoudun, FRANCE, 100 kW, 130 degrees per Aoki. It's over at 1630 but carrier stays on past 1638. EiBi has a strange language abbr. for this entry, BNA. His key says ``BNA Borana Oromo/Afan Oromo: Ethiopia (4m) [gax]``, the last being a supposed German version of the name. It's prime clandestine time on 16m: see also ETHIOPIA [non]. 17630, and UNIDENTIFIED: 17870 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 17630, Sat Jan 18 at 1605, very rapid speech in unknown African language, axually about half-and-half singing and speaking. 1623, less singing, but with applause; 1627 bit of Horn of Africish music, 1629 announcement and some more music until 1630:05*. Aoki shows this is R. Xoriyo Ogaden, Tue & Sat only in Somali at 1600 [NOT 1630 as typoed in my original report], also via Issoudun, FRANCE, 500 kW, 130 degrees (even tho it's in Somali, target is part of ETHIOPIA, as in WRTH). This is the one with a split service. On Mon & Fri at the same hour, it's on 17870 with 50 kW, 195 degrees from Bulgaria. But today Saturday I am also hearing something unID, q.v. on 17870 at same time, but not // (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. 25000, 18/1 1150, MIKES - Espoo, pip pip, suff. (Roberto Pavanello, Italy, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

QSL: Stazioni di tempo e frequenza campione --- Finlandia, MIKES, Espoo, 25 MHz (23.10.2012), Lettera QSL in 105 giorni. No RP. QTH: Centre for Metrology and Accreditation - P. O. Box 9 - FI-02151 Espoo. Inviato CD MP3. V/s: Kalevi Kalliomäki + Ilkka Lisakka + Tapio Mansten (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan 21, playdx yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE. 13740, RFI via Issoudun, 1930-1940. Tuned in at 1930 with

news in French by male and female presenters. News continued until Lots of news about Africa. At 1938 cut to short audio clip that sounded like it was play by play from a sporting event. Then talk continued. At 1940 several seconds of RFI theme music followed by a program with a female presenter. This is past their normal 1900 sign off time. New schedule? Good signal. 01-19-14 (Steve Handler, Buffalo Grove IL, Icom IC-7200, Tecsun PL-660, wire antennas, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Mighty KBC Radio [scheduled], instead European Music Radio on Sun Jan. 19: 0900-1000 on 6045 NAU 125 kW / 275 deg to CeEu English // 6095 also Nauen! [later:] Corrected to European Music Radio on 6045 around 0945 -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 7265, Hamburger Lokal Radio, Goehren, 1520-1559*, 18-01, English, comments, male, female, including Glenn Hauser's program World of Radio. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Sony ICF SW 7600 G, cable antenna, 10 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 7365, Kleines Update in Sachen Weenermoor bc: diese Woche war eine Reparatur an der Antenne fuer 7365 kHz faellig, es musste ein Schaden am Rotor behoben werden. Ausserdem haben wir die Leistung erhoeht auf etwa 1000 Watt PEP. Rueckmeldungen zum Empfang sind - wie immer - sehr willkommen (Stephan Schaa, Germany, A-DX Jan 17 via BC-DX via DXLD) Repaired rotor, and power increased to 1000 watts PEP (gh)

** GOA [and non]. 11740, Jan 21 at 0058 check, instead of usual AIR Sinhala service, the music I'm hearing, fair with flutter, turns out to be CHINA! q.v. At 0113 after it's off, only a JBA carrier from presumed AIR. On AIR // 11985 via Delhi-Khampur, there is also a JBA carrier at 0058 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SRI LANKA

** GREECE. 729.013, New state public broadcaster "Elliniki Dimosia Radiophonia" heard with Greek folk guitar music and songs at 0530 UT Jan 17, also at same time co-channel 729.000 even from Bayern Germany and 729.005 kHz program from Spain.

The Greek radio rebels' program still on Avlis shortwave center on 7475, 9420 kHz both S=9+25dB properly here in Germany, and 15650 kHz S=5-6 to other parts of the world. Logged at 0610 UT Jan 17 (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 9420 // weaker 7450, Jan 17 at 2147, Helliniki Radiophonia lite jazz music adding YL vocal, seems really in Greek now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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Transmitter No 1

00:00 - 00:50 EUROPE - North America 7450 KHz 323 EPA THESSALONIKI
01:00 - 11:00 EUROPE - K. AMERIKI 7475 KHz 285 - / / - / / -

15:00 - 18:50 EUROPE - K. AMERIKI 9935 KHz 285 - / / - / / -
19:00 - 24:00 EUROPE - North America 7450 KHz 323 - / / - / / -

Transmitter No 2

00:00 - 01:50 Middle East - AUSTRALIA 15650 KHz 105 - / / - / / -
02:00 - 04:50 EUROPE - K. AMERIKI 15630 KHz 285 - / / - / / -
05:00 - 11:00 CENTRAL AFRICA 11645 KHz 182 - / / - / / -

15:00 - 20:50 EUROPE - K. AMERIKI 15630 KHz 285 - / / - / / -
21:00 - 24:00 Middle East - AUSTRALIA 15650 KHz 105 - / / - / / -

Transmitter No 3

15:00 - 24:00 EUROPE - North America 9420 KHz 323 - / / - / / -
00:00 - 11:00 - / / - / / - / / - / / - / / - / / - (Source? Google
translation via Wolfgang B,schel via John Babbis, Jan 20, WORLD OF
RADIO 1705, DXLD)

I believe that K. AMERIKI is Central America (John Babbis, ibid.)

Or Panama [Canal] Zone which used to be a specific target, with
shipping in mind. Subtract 2 hours for UT! Evidently all the hyphens
and slants signify ditto marks, same as entry above, i.e. ALL this is
from Thessaloniki (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ex-ERT rebels still on Avlis outlets: 7475, 9420, and 15630 kHz, at
0517 UT Jan 19. 7 and 9 MHz at S=9+30dBm signal strength, 15630 only
tiny S=4. Broadband signals of the Greek engineers: covered broadband
7457 to 7493 kHz, and 9409 to 9431 kHz, very strong this morning
(Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

This is my reception report for Monday and Tuesday, January 21, 2014

MONDAY 1/20 | TUESDAY 1/21

1900	2000	2100	2200	2300	0000	0100	0200	kHz	Az.	kW	Station
00000	15241	25242	35455	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	7450	323	100	xmtr 1
00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	15650	105	100	xmtr 2
15241	25242	25242	45344	15241	55344	45344	45344	9420	323	170	xmtr 3
XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	15241	15241	15241	15630	285	100	xmtr 2

XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX XXXXX 45444|55455 45344 55455 7475 285 100 xmtr 1
(John Babbis, Silver Spring MD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GREECE-VOICE OF FREE AND OPEN ERT IN THE WHOLE WORLD**

Winter Program (Effective From December 1, 2013)

UT	Transmitter No.1	Transmitter No.2	Transmitter No.3
0000-0100	7475/285f/eu/ca	15630/285f/eu/ca	9420/323f/eu/na
0100-0200	7475/285f/eu/ca	15630/285f/eu/ca	9420/323f/eu/na
0200-0300	7475/285f/eu/ca	*15630/285f/eu/ca	9420/323f/eu/na
0300-0400	7475/285f/eu/ca	11645/182f/caf	9420/323f/eu/na
0400-0500	7475/285f/eu/ca	11645/182f/caf	9420/323f/eu/na
0500-0600	7475/285f/eu/ca	11645/182f/caf	9420/323f/eu/na
0600-0700	7475/285f/eu/ca	11645/182f/caf	9420/323f/eu/na
0700-0800	7475/285f/eu/ca	11645/182f/caf	9420/323f/eu/na
0800-0900	7475/285*/eu/ca	11645/182f/caf	9420/323f/eu/na
0900-1300	SILENT	SILENT	SILENT
1300-1400	9935/285f/eu/ca	15630/285f/eu/ca	9420/323f/eu/na
1400-1500	9935/285f/eu/ca	15630/285f/eu/ca	9420/323f/eu/na
1500-1600	9935/285f/eu/ca	15630/285f/eu/ca	9420/323f/eu/na
1600-1700	*9935/285f/eu/ca	15630/285f/eu/ca	9420/323f/eu/na
1700-1800	7450/323f/eu/na	15630/285f/eu/ca	9420/323f/eu/na
1800-1900	7450/323f/eu/na	*15630/285f/eu/ca	9420/323f/eu/na
1900-2000	7450/323f/eu/na	15650/105f/me/au	9420/323f/eu/na
2000-2100	7450/323f/eu/na	15650/105f/me/au	9420/323f/eu/na
2100-2200	7450/323f/eu/na	15650/105f/me/au	9420/323f/eu/na
2200-2300	#*7450/323f/eu/na	15650/105f/me/au	9420/323f/eu/na
2300-2400	7475/285f/eu/ca	*15650/105f/me/au	9420/323f/eu/na

*Transmission ends 10 minutes earlier.

#ERA Thessaloniki.

au=Australia; ca=Central America; caf=Central Africa;

eu=Europe; me=Middle East; na=North America;

(John Babbis, MD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9420, Jan 21 at 0615, Helliniki Radiophonia playing ``Always Look on the Bright Side of Life`` from Monty Python's ``Life of Bryan`` --- except it's sung in Greek! Whatever the serious problems with Greek broadcasting, the SW service continues to be very entertaining: you never know what kind of music you will hear next. Also // weaker 7475. Main competitor as a mostly-music station is RNA, Brazil: q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GUAM.** Victor Goonetilleke's Sri Lanka recording of KTWB's DRM test on 15145-15150-15155 at 0900 UT; notice all the audio artifacts:
<https://soundcloud.com/victoribbmonitor/ktwr-guam-drm-test-15150-khz>
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GUATEMALA.** 1150, TGT, R Sonora, Guatemala City; Spanish melodies. "Radio Sonora"; thanks to RealDX's Arne Nilsson, Thomas Nilsson and

Henrik Klemetz for the ID; possible UK first on this channel; last heard in the UK by BD on 1187 kHz in 2/70. W/F 0658 23/12 (Barry Davies, Carlisle, Cumbria. Perseus, 3.7m x 10.0m Flag + FLG100 amp, Jan Medium Wave News via DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. About anti-Cuban station that was installed in Guatemala City --- Dear amigo Michael: Just read the discussion about a now defunct station in the Bulletin [BC-DX], and could not resist to tell the amazing story that follows.

Some time when the US sponsored anti-Cuban station known as La Voz del Cid was still on the air, a team of Radio Rebelde's sports commentators and an engineer from the station traveled to Guatemala City to broadcast a sports event that was going to take place in that Central American nation.

They went early to the stadium and installed the solid state portable audio mixer with its two commentators positions, hooked it up to the two phone lines that connected to the local phone company in order to send the audio signals to Cuba on one 4 wire circuit and with the other two wire circuit keep in touch with the Radio Rebelde Master Control in Havana.

But they could not make that hookup that had worked very well at many different locations to operate properly. They complained on the two wire direct line to Havana that there was a very loud audio signal in Spanish that leaked through without the possibility of removing that audio at all. They placed the telephone mouthpiece next to the local monitor at the mixer board and it was then that we realized that the audio was the infamous "program" from La Voz del Cid.

We asked the engineer to look around the stadium for towers or masts with an antenna hanging between the two and a ladder type open wire transmission line coming down from the center of the antenna.

Sure enough, from the top row of the grand stand of the stadium they could see the two steel masts that supported the antenna of the short wave station used by La Voz del Cid, the cause of the interference to the audio mixer board.

The highly capable engineer always carried in his tools kit and accessories ferrite ring cores (toroids) so he proceeded to place them at the proper places (microphone input, telephone lines input and output and the headsets of the commentators, in order to remove the RF coming into the equipment from the nearby short wave station. So, they were able to broadcast the sports event and the Cuban audience was very happy with the transmissions.

Of course that it was very interesting to learn, first hand, that the "clandestine" station was located not far from the center of Guatemala city, operating under the protection of the government of that country at the time. 73 and DX, Your amigo in sunny La Habana, Cuba, Arnaldo (Arnie) Coro, Host of Dxers Unlimited radio hobby show, Radio Havana Cuba (via Michael Bethge, WWDXC via Wolfgang B, schel, DXLD)

** HAWAII. CALL CHANGES:

FREQ OLD CALL CITY OF LICENSE NEW CALL

650 KRTR Honolulu, HI KPRP

(IRCA DX Monitor Jan 18 via DXLD) First heard here sesquidecades ago when it was KORL, a call which has wandered all over the HI dial (gh)

** HAWAII. 740, KCIK, Kihei finally identified 10/1 when Catholic Mass heard from 0844, partial ident at 0900. Google confirms station is part of Immaculate Heart Radio network and has been officially on air since 8 January (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, Jan NZ DX Times via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

740, KCIK, Kihei HI ñ granted program test authority, CP for U1 5000/5000 (NRC AMSwitch 81/13 via ARC mv-eko 20 Jan via DXLD)

Now on the air and has already been heard as far away as New Zealand! (David Ricquish via Mediumwave Oz Group via Ydunís Medium Wave Info 13.1.2014, ibid.)

740, KCIK, Kihei (New station CP testing with PTA) ñ Format is REL, slogan is iSharing the Heart of Christian Faith,î networks are IHR/EWTN (AM Switch, NRC DX News Jan 27 via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

Which island? I see it's on Maui (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CATHOLIC RADIO AIRWAVES REACH HAWAII --- Immaculate Heart Radio (IHR) makes waves next month when Bishop Larry Silva and Msgr. Terry Watanabe flip the on-air switch iliveî to launch KCIK AM 740. A festive ceremony open to the public is planned on January 5, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Church, 25 W. Lipoa Street, Kihei, Maui.

iIt has been a wonderful experience to bring Immaculate Heart Radio to Maui,î said Doug Sherman, president and founder. iWe are entirely grateful for the support we have received from parishioners, priests on Maui, and the Diocese --- especially Bishop Larry Silva and from the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation.î

KCIK AM 740 is Hawaii's first full-time Catholic radio station and will feature local programming through the offices of Bishop Silva, as well as the best in Catholic programming from around the country.

Survey results have shown that this inspirational programming has helped thousands of listeners to find their way back to the Church, to a deeper understanding of their faith, or to a closer relationship with God. Listeners will be able to tune to AM 740 to hear Immaculate Heart Radio on Maui, Molokai and Lanai. Further testing after the station is on the air will determine if the signal reaches farther, to parts of Oahu and Hawaii (Diocese of Honolulu web site via Jan Medium Wave News via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

I expect it will as already heard in NZ, and wherever else there is not too much QRM --- but bad news for 738 Tahiti (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** HUNGARY. 21282-USB, Jan 17 at 1515, HA7TM making quick contest contacts mostly with US stations in 1, 8 and 9 call areas, and frequently spelling his name Tibi, as well as fonetik calls, unlike so many contesters. Only a few other signals audible on 15m, and his the best, and even much better than 13m broadcasters, such as Spain's 250 kW on 21610. QRZ.com:

HA7TM Hungary flag Hungary

Tibor (Tibi) Nemeth

Szerelo ut. 22.

ERD, H 2030

Hungary (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 7550, All India Radio; 2131, 18-Jan; English feature on "Hindustani classical music". SI0=4+54 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 11620, AIR - Txer site unknown (probably Delhi). Russian service to E Europe noted at 1645 with a talk which mentioned Pakistan on many occasions. At 1701, there was a long Indian song until 1715 when the broadcast stopped suddenly without announcement. NF ex 9595 and an excellent signal strength, although audio was not particularly clean on Jan 21. Cheers (Rob Wagner VK3BVW, Vic., ARDXC mailing list via DXLD)

Add: 1615-1715, 11620 kHz, Russian // 15140 DRM --- de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, Japan, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11670, Jan 16 at 2115, AIR GOS is very good with some flutter, interview with an American-accented video producer until 2130, who is 100% understandable unlike the interviewer, then Indian classical music, very enjoyable; 2159 programme summary for tomorrow, 2200 news and commentary, 2215 Indian pop vocal music.

Closest thing to a North American service, which never in history has AIR ever favoured us with; per Aoki, this 2045-2230 transmission is at 280 degrees from Bengaluru, not even favorable for us, unlike the preceding English, 1745-1945 at 325 degrees.

11670, Sat Jan 18 at 2137, AIR GOS with feature on the sarod, how it derives from an earlier Afghan instrument, with lots of fine music coming out of it; fair reception improves a bit as time goes on (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11985, Jan 18 at 0056, AIR Sinhala service via Delhi-Khampur site is again a loss: open carrier, almost as strong at 11740 GOA which is evidently really speaking Sinhala, both poor with flutter. 0102 maybe 11985 is JBM? 0114 maybe too, while 11740 is already off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More DRM transmissions from AIR Bengaluru from 19 Jan 2014 monitored as follows:

1000-1100 UT 17895, English to Australia & NZ
1145-1315 UT 15795, Chinese
2045-2230 UT 11620, English to Australia, NZ
2245-0045 UT 13605, English to NE Asia

These new DRM frequencies are specially announced in at sign on / sign off in the English transmissions. Look out for any more DRM broadcasts from this station at other timings in External Services of AIR. The following also noted back on air after some months:

1615-1715 11620 Russian

Reports to:

sptairynk @ rediffmail.com with copy to spectrum-manager @ air.org.in

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Jan 20, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Mobile: +91 94416 96043, <http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos>, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Surprisingly transmission of All India Radio in Russian on Jan. 20: 1615-1715 on 11620 BGL 500 kW / 335 deg to EaEu // 9595 & nothing 15140 DRM -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Latest Changes to AIR External Services:

11740, 1315-1415 Dari, 1415-1530 Pushtu, now via Bengaluru 500 kW (ex Panaji 250 kW)

Add 11620, 1615-1715 Russian via Bengaluru

Add DRM via Bengaluru:

1000-1100 17895 English Australia/NZ
1145-1315 15795 Chinese
2045-2230 11620 English Australia/NZ
2245-0045 13605 English NE Asia

Updated full schedule is in:
<http://qsl.net/vu2jos/es/time.htm>

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS Jan 21, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

AIR's Chinese broadcasts are jammed, either CNR1 or Firedrake, on AM. Would AIR get thru better if they were still in AM rather than DRM? I bet they would, but DRM enthusiasts should try them. Perhaps to be fair, the ChiCom should use DRM jamming (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, ibid.)

Dear Jose,

>9870 500 Bengaluru 1245-1740 (Vividh Bharati) DRM tests

I don't believe proper Bangalore site, as listed already, instead one of the rather Panaji faulty transmitters in AM mode on air, on exact 9869.982 kHz at 1640 UT Jan 21. Also AIR Hindi transmission heard on 7249.980 kHz from faulty unit at Goa Panaji site, a VERY UNSTABLE AND OSCILLATING AUDIO transmission. Both transmission 7250v and 9870v hopp up/down few Hertz too. 73 wolffy df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Special broadcasts by AIR for Republic Day 2014

All India Radio will broadcast following special programs in connection with the Republic Day celebrations on 26th January, 2014

25 January 2014 (Saturday) : Eve of Republic Day

1330 UT (1900 IST) onwards Hon'ble President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee's address to the nation in Hindi & English. This will be broadcast by all stations of AIR on MW, SW, FM, DTH and by IGNOU Gyan Vani stations. Shortly after this broadcast, the local stations will broadcast translation in local languages.

Consequent to the President's broadcast schedule, news bulletin & other regular programs would stand cancelled.

SW Frequencies : <http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/sw/freq.htm>
MW Frequencies : <http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/mw/freq.htm>
FM Frequencies : <http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos/fm/airfreq.htm>

26 January 2013 (Sunday) : Republic Day
Running Commentary of Republic Day parade and cultural pageant live
from Rajpath 0350 UT (0920 IST) onwards:

Hindi : 6155 (Aligarh); 9595 (Delhi), 11620 (Bengaluru)
English : 6030 (Delhi); 15050 (Bengaluru)
Also try SW/MW/FM frequencies as per above mentioned links.

The following regional stations will change from their Morning
frequencies on 60 Meters (4 & 5 MHz frequencies) to their daytime
frequencies between 0335-0350 UT as follows:

6000 Leh
6040 Jeypore
6065 Kohima (Irregular)
6085 Gangtok
6150 Itanagar (Irregular)
7230 Kurseong
7240 Mumbai
7280 Guwahati (Irregular)
7295 Aizawl
7315 Shillong
7325 Jaipur
7440 Lucknow

The following stations are already scheduled to be on air daily at
this time and will also relay the running commentary.

6020 Shimla
6110 Srinagar
7210 Kolkata
7290 Thiruvanthapuram
7335 Imphal
7380 Chennai
7390 Port Blair
7420 Hyderabad
7430 Bhopal

All AIR Stations including Local Radio Stations will relay the live
broadcast of the Republic Day Parade either in Hindi or English.
Please send your reception reports to : spectrum-manager@air.org

73, (Alokesh Gupta, Join [dx_india](https://www.facebook.com/groups/dxindia/) facebook group at:
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/dxindia/> dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 4869.90v, RRI Wamena, 1237-1300, Jan 16 (Thursday). Kang
Guru Indonesia show with Ana and Greg already in progress; better than
normal Thursday reception, but with OTH radar QRM; segment on
Australia and Indonesia being friends for many years; gave SMS number,

email address and postal address in Bali; played some pop songs ("One Way or Another," etc.); many IDs for "Kang Guru English," but still also gave KGI IDs; 1300 played usual RRI jingle and into Bahasa Indonesia; played pop songs, with many in English.

Jan 9 (Thursday) at 1246 also heard KGI, whereas for several weeks before that had been unable to hear them; reception slowly improving; info about the number of undernourished people in the world and about food; 1303 "Thanks for listening to Kang Guru Indonesia"; into Bahasa Indonesia and program of pop songs. Atsunori Ishida missed this one, whereas he normally lists them (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Atsunori Ishida has updated/modified his site <http://rri.jpn.org/> to include KGI on Jan 9 (Ron, 0202 UT Jan 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4870, RRI Wamena, suspected, 1230, threshold 16 Jan (XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9526, 17/Jan 0954, Voice of Indonesia in English. YL talk. At 0956 music in the male voice. 23432. At 1000 strong QRM from jammer CNR1 On VOA in Mandarin. The music continued until 1005. At 1007 I still hear talk YL (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 4 kHz, Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9526-, Jan 16 at 1455, best signal in a long time from VOI, not saying much, some modulation audible only with music, vs still much-stronger 9530 CNR1 jamming and VOA Tinang. I brace myself for het blast from 9525 China, but it comes on at *1458 only very weakly. It's really CRI in English via Kashgar, EAST TURKISTAN to Europe. After 1500 the two are about equal, as now VOI is supposedly the one in Chinese. Now the 9530 ACI has reduced from CNR1 jamming to only VOA Philippines about to sign off. Strangely, I see that Aoki still has VOI on 9525 instead of 9526, or 9525.9v (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. The 10 best lesser-known podcasts --- Miranda Sawyer selects the 10 best podcasts, excluding BBC podcasts, music and This American Life (because you know it already). Do you have a podcast that you think should have made the list? Leave your comments below and your suggestion could feature in the alternative list next week

Miranda Sawyer, The Observer, Saturday 18 January 2014 12.30 EST

Jump to comments (222)

<http://www.theguardian.com/culture/gallery/2014/jan/18/10-best-lesser-known-podcasts-miranda-sawyer#/?picture=427274148&index=9>

(via Eric Flodén, swprograms [sic] via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL WATERS. QSL, kommentarer, mm: Back in 1977, DXer and fellow Pennsylvanian, Brian Alexander and I were regularly corresponding (both by letter and cassette tape) and exchanging DX tips. On one of Brian's tapes in August, he mentioned hearing the Mebo II on 6205 kHz rather well and included a nice recording. I tuned 6205 in short order and was surprised to find the signal myself.

Another, and better reception followed at the end of August. Not long after, I'd sent a reception report to Radio Northsea International to an address in the Netherlands I'd found in one of the SW bulletins. Unfortunately the address wasn't valid and the report was returned undeliverable. No QSL. Year after year went by. After one or maybe two possible contacts ended empty, I finally accepted the fact I'd never QSL RNI. I figured it would be impossible finding anyone involved with the station as they had all undoubtedly gone their separate ways.

Then, last year in October, I'd heard Radio 6150/Channel 252 several times, once relaying RNI. The report I sent to Rainer Ebeling at Radio 6150/Channel 252 was forwarded to Hardy Schracke, producer of the German program of the online version of RNI. In one email with Hardy, I asked, in the off-chance, if he knew anyone involved with the old RNI. He said he knew Graham Gill and mentioned the yearly off-shore gathering "Radio Days". I then did a web search for the "Radio Days" and found Hans Knot's marvelous informative sites.

Suddenly, things were looking a little better. I sent Hans an e-mail giving him my history of hearing the Mebo II and failure to obtain a verification, and asked if he could help in any way. Hans was kind enough to forward my e-mail to Graham Gill and also to Robin Banks who was in charge of the transmissions when I'd heard them back in August of 1977. By the end of November without any response from either Graham or Robin, and thinking I'd come to a dead end, I began to wonder if there actually was a response but the e-mail was filtered at Verizon and placed in the spam folder there (I use Windows Mail). Sure enough, an e-mail from Robin was there.

Besides Robin's short story of the happenings on and off the Mebo II (El Fatah) at that time in 1977, he requested a report and said he'd be happy to send a QSL. An apology and explanation, along with an e-mail report and MP3 recordings was sent, and then nothing.

Periodic checks of my spam folder on Verizon showed no messages from Robin. Around Christmas, I resent my report/recordings, but again

nothing. Then, on New Year's day, Robin sent an e-mail saying the reason he hadn't responded was that he'd been doing some travelling, and promised a QSL as soon as he could find the cards. We swapped a few more e-mails and another wait.

Finally, today, 13,316 days (36 years, 5 months, 14 days) since my initial reception of R. Northsea International/Mebo II (El Fatah), the QSL finally arrived!! I can't thank Robin enough for taking the time to search for the old cards, fill one out, and send it across the pond. You made that 15-year old in me who tuned in the broadcast on that hot August Summer day in 1977 very happy. A tip of the hat, and a raised glass to you my friend!! And thanks also to Hans Knot for keeping the spirit alive and passing along my e-mails, and Rainer Ebeling and Hardy Schracke for pointing me in the right direction.

And lastly, thanks Brian, wherever you are. May you rest in peace.

Should you care to listen to the 28 August 1977 reception, here's a link to the recording of the closing identification:

<https://app.box.com/s/iji577cdzkd3njidxb7o>

(Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA via SW Bulletin Jan 19 via DXLD)

** IRAN. 7325, Voice of The Islamic Rep. of Iran; 2007-2020:45*, 17-Jan; 2nd part of 3-part series comparing Islam to other religions all the way back to the Romans and considerable emphasis on Christianity. Said that Islamic teachings are "based on logic" (Uh huh.) ID/sked at 2019. All in English. SIO=453+ (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some AWFUL signals also from IRIB Kamalabad site noticed this morning.

13690, V of IRI, Bosnian-Serbo/Croatian language service, S=9+40dBm, and two peaks either side on 13624 kHz, 13756 kHz, and also 13561.160 / 13822.390 kHz. Ranges of 13607-13630, 13743-13769, and 13548-13560, 13817-13822 kHz much splattered signals too.

15550, Spanish, 0520-0617 UT Jan 19, noted at 0545 UT, ± 10 kHz wide from 15540 to 15560 kHz range.

17840, Arabic from Zahedan also 16 kHz wide signal, 0604 UT (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL [and non]. LA RADIO DE LA RESISTENCIA

Los servicios postales israelíes honran, una vez m.s, a la radio.

Ahora, concretamente, la radio de la resistencia, la radio combatiente y el rol que jugó en la creación del Estado de Israel en aquella década crucial de 1939-1948.

Es cierto que, de manera indirecta, la radio clandestina israelí ya había estado presente en los sellos de Israel; aunque sólo el especialista lograba descubrir esos lazos que están ocultos en las páginas de la historia.

Los primeros sellos que podríamos entroncar con esta historia de radiodifusión clandestina serían los emitidos el 1 de enero de 1957 cuando el servicio postal ponía a la venta tres efectos honrando a la Haganah , posiblemente la organización que más luchó en su momento, por tener un estado propio y que, a juzgar por la historia subsiguiente, logró salvar más vidas de aquellos infaustos años en que la idamaí se enseñoreaba con el drama de diferentes colectivos en prácticamente todo el continente europeo . . .
<http://www.natureduca.com/radioblog/israel-la-radio-de-la-resistencia/>
(Juan Franco Crespo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A lot of radio history in his articles also about philately (gh, DXLD)

** JAPAN [non]. 5910, NHK, 20/01 0420 UT. Vía Issoudun, Francia. Lecciones de japonés en español, con una clase sobre cómo pedir disculpas hasta las 0425 cuando se emite una canción de estilo J-POP. A las 0328 se dan las frecuencias y horarios de la emisora. Señal con SINPO: 43443 con un poco de QRM de Alcaravan Radio pero que no se escucha su modulación, ni siquiera por debajo de NHK // 6195 vía Cypress Creek, WHRI, USA con SINPO: 55544 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros. QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** JAPAN. 9575, Jan 20 at *1525, NHK IS prior to half hour in Chinese at 290 degrees from Ibaragi-Koga-Yamata, per Aoki. And no sign of Morocco now or at various other times I have sought MEdi-1, 9575 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See MOROCCO

** KASHMIR [and non]. [re 14-03:] Dear Ron & others, I also noticed Leh on 4660 from around 1400 UTC with much better signals than in the past. By the way I could also hear Port Blair on 4760 around that time. Leh was noted signing off at the scheduled time of 1630 UT. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, Jan 15, dx_india yg via DXLD)

4660, AIR (Leh) at 1250 in Hindi with song "Tu jo nehi kuch bhi nehi" by Udit Narayan ñ Fair Jan 17 (Avijit Mondal Khaspur, INDIA, Degen DE-1103 and C Crane Radio SW, ODXA YRX via DXLD) Exactly same thing as he reports one hour later on 4760 ANDAMAN, q.v.

INDIA: 4660, AIR-Leh (Presumed), Jan 20 1447-1510, 35332-33332, Hindi and English, Talk and india music. It was Delhi news by the checks of 1530 in relay, // 4810 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR [non]. 4870, INDIA, Radio Sedaye Kashmir via Delhi, 1445 Jan 18, Kashmiri, woman with talk to 1457, then local music through top-of-the-hour; was still there at 1524 but gone at 1541, matching 1430-1530 listed schedule. Fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. New alternate frequency of 5985.0, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze via Yamata, *1330, Jan 16. Ex-5910; heard with het due to Myanmar being on 5985.8, but heard with no jamming. On former 5910 there was heavy jamming by N. Korea.

Once the jamming does start for the 1330-1430 Shiokaze program on 5985, it will block Myanmar even more, as the jamming starts well before and long after Shiokaze has left the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5985, Jan 17 at 1424, JBA het, no doubt from Shiokaze, Japan, which QSYed here from 5910 Jan 16, per Ron Howard, so once again clashing with MYANMAR, one transmitter of which is off-frequency circa 5985.8. Ron says besides the 1330-1430 Sea Breeze broadcast, North Korean jamming lasts longer for even more QRM to Burma (I never hear the NK jamming on this here, but Shiokaze itself is weak; would be better if I woke up by 1330. Presumably still no English on Fridays) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, A nice Friday (Jan 17) surprise. Shiokaze was in English again. 5985.0 signed on at 1330; best in LSB due to Myanmar on 5985.8; intro; iTodayís News Flash,î iTodayís News on North Korean Issuesî; "This is a message from the Japanese Governmentî about human rights in "DPRK" and mentioned government's SW programs via SW for "Furusato no Kaze in Japanese" and "Nippon no Kaze in Korean." IDs iThis is Shiokaze Sea Breeze from Tokyo, Japanî. 1400 started a repeat of the same half hour show till 1430*. No N. Korea jamming today and also none on former ex-5910.

5910, Shiokaze signed on at 1600; ex 5975; thanks to Ivo Ivanov for this new frequency info; same program as heard today on 5985. No jamming on 5910, but former 5975 was jammed. This frequency had much better reception than earlier 5985. Intro audio at <https://app.box.com/s/zkwwwqxf359in9o5q3qrn>

(Ron Howard, California, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5985, Jan 18 at 1330, het and a bit of audio from Shiokaze opening in Japanese or Korean, vs Myanmar off-frequency. Ron Howard says they did resume English this Friday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9775, OPPOSITION, Radio Free Chosun presumed the one at 1540 in Korean with a man with long talks with a mention of iKim Jongil - Very Good Jan 14 (Rick Barton, El Mirage, AZ, Drake R8 and Hammarlund HQ-120X, ODXA YRX via DXLD)

While no one knows for sure the location of this one, I'm wondering if Glenn Hauser's suggestion of Palau just might be spot on, especially considering the signal strength of Rick's logging and his location in Arizona which would favour the western Pacific at this hour ñ (ed Mark Coady, ibid.) Now we know: Palaug, PHILIPPINES, q.v. not Palau (gh)

9775, Jan 18 at 1358, R. Free Chosun still with same prElude medley in English, now playing ``At 17``. Usual good signal equivalent to 9800 VOA Korean via Philippines.

A few months ago, Wolfgang B,schel found a temporary registration for 9775 as WRN via Palauig, Philippines. I also found that one of the three Radio Veritas Asia transmitters was unaccounted for, after 1400, as RVA programming is using only two. It appears that RVA does have a transmitter for hire, even to non-Catholic broadcasters. I've asked Radio Veritas Asia tech department if 9775 is their transmitter, but no reply yet.

We do know that WRN does have a deal with Radio Veritas Asia, as I am informed thus about Radio Free Sarawak: ``15420 is currently from Palauig, Philippines. They took a Christmas-NY break and resumed on Jan 6.`` Presumably still at 1100-1230 UT, when it was seldom audible here. Today's Aoki still has this sesquihour as via Paochung, Taiwan, whence it may have been previously (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9965, Nippon no Kaze 15484 [sic, 1548?] with phone ins in Japanese YL in talks, 1551 a song, S5 max, 32433, Jan 11 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, using the standard rig of R75 and 16 in[verted?] V antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 11510, Jan 17 at 1430, mostly-music hour of V. of Kurdistan is incoming well today, enjoyable, so I feed it to my SRF-59 via 88.1 MHz while I am at the breakfast table. Even better: no IADs! Hope they've permanently fixed that distraxion.

Now at 04-16, 11510 is presumably via PRIDNESTROVYE, per Aoki, which

spells it ``Radyoya Denge Kurdistane``. WRTH 2014: ``Dengi Kurdistani`` also via KCH, where it's on page 512 as targeting Turkey primarily, but also Syria, Iraq, Iran in a variety of dialects. At 16-20, winter night frequency is 7390, supposedly via France (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11510, PRIDNESTROVSKIY [sic], Denge Kurdistane, 1507 Jan 18, Kurdish, talk with local music playing at low level in the background, when talk ended at 1515 the music was brought up; Kurdish vocals then heard during all checks until 1600 off. Fair improving to very good. (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MOLDOVA/France, 11510, Radyoya Denge Kurdistane, registered at Grigoriopol Maiac site, but suffered signal strength this morning at 0450 UT Jan 19 compared to Romanian outlets. Supposed to be dead zone signal from morning start coming from Issoudun France instead? (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 1287 & 1467 kHz are two frequencies just now under testing from Trans World Radio in KGZ. Just now the broadcasting of the TWR programs are relayed via 1287 kHz probably with 150 kW. This transmitter has been heard by Jan Oscarsson and Hasse Mattisson, ARC, some days ago with TWR ID signal.

The TWR is preparing for launching a new 500 kW transmitter in Bishkek. This broadcasting area is called PANI, i.e. Pakistan, Afghanistan and North India. The broadcasting antenna on 1287 kHz, 150 kW, is not aimed for that direction, more for Central Asia. The TWR President, Lauren Libby, has announced that it will be a breakthrough for the gospel in unreached areas of the world.

DXLD 13-40 has informed about the new 500 kW transmitter giving a 210 degrees mainlobe. It is a 4 mast array at N 42 52 42.48 E 74 59 45.32. It is Bishkek Krasnaya Rechka. The new antennas are seen very well at Google Earth image at <http://goo.gl/maps/nIk92>

It will be transmitting for the PANI area from 1467 kHz and use 1287 kHz for Central Asia OR using only 1287 kHz with 150 kW for the local KGR1 program 00-1230 UT and 500 kW for TWR programming later during the local evening/night. Still it sounds [like] 150 kW on 1287 kHz, but we will see. Perhaps they will leave 1467 kHz? (Steve Whitt, England, Jan Medium Wave News via DXLD)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4010.029, Kyrgyz Radio 1 Bishkek Krasnaya Rechka, S=7 fair signal at 1801 UT (Wolfgang B.schel, log on Ceylon [sic] island,

Jan 18 at 17-18 UT slot using Victor Goonetilleke's Perseus remote receiver, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4010, Kyrgyz R., Jan 21 1326-1337, 35433, Kirgыз, Talk, ID at 1330 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4820, Jan 16, 1856, UNID. Per tip from Christoph Ratzer I checked my recording from this evening for an ID of an unID station here. The signal was not too good as the antenna direction during the recording was pointing towards Asia. At first it was said the station carried a mix of native and French language so my first guess was western Africa, maybe R Guinée or something. But read on ñ Mauno Ritola solved the question. It is Birinchi Radio on a new frequency. Mauno, thanks a lot for your time to listen to the recordings and especially the one from Patrick Robic where you found the name (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Jan 19 via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

4820, Jan 16, 1938. In der letzten Stunde ist auf 4820 kHz eine neue Station im Tropenband zu h^ren. Afrika? Spannend! Das Programm ist in Lokalsprache und auch immer wieder in Franz^sisch. Der Sudan wird sehr oft erw^hnt. Um 1938 UT mit S7 in Salzburg. 73 (Christoph Ratzer via ADX via SW Bulletin Jan 19 via DXLD)

Re 4820 kHz new transmission - see TopNews #1146 item under Unidentified / probably Kyrgyz REP, probably ex 4050.076 / .079 kHz. Latter last heard on August 10, 2013. After that broadcast missed always in past five months. 4010.052 Kyrghiz Radio Bishkek KGZ.

4050.076 Radio Rossii relay, from Bishkek KGZ. - - - Patrick Robic-AUT wrote in A-DX re: Neuer Sender auf 4820 kHz. "Birinchi Radio" KGR1 could it be. That's it. Checked this {Jan 18} morning, 4820 kHz was // to 4010 kHz. 4795 was not audible here. 73, Patrick (Patrick Robic-AUT, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, ibid.)

This only possible when Lhasa China [sic] fade-out co-channel around 01-03 UT, - or in 18-20 UT slot, PBS Lhasa scheduled 2000-1800 UT. (wolfy, ibid.)

Thanks, Christoph and Thomas. Now that we know it is KGZ, it's easy to say, that it sounds like a Turkic language, but as weak as it was, it can easily be heard as French, too. For Thomas, here are Patrick's and my earlier files and some story how I started suspecting KGZ. I hear "Birinchi Radio" in Patrick's clip, so KGR1 and the language and the style fits. Maybe they have moved from 4795 kHz. Please listen to the respective October 4010 kHz clip from my archive and compare it to the segment heard in Patrick's clip between seconds 30-60. I am sorry for the extremely weak signal. 73, (Mauno Ritola, ibid.)

Yes Mauno, also Victor in Sri Lanka mentioned that he heard a French station. Also Thorsten Hallmann thinks it is French --- And if you listen to a station and know it is French, sure it is French ;-)
Thanks again for your support! And it is another example why I have to buy the Shared Apex Loop, when my farmer permitting. So the direction would have been detected much faster. 73 (Christoph Ratzer, ibid.)

KIRGIZISTAN. Re: Birinchi Radio,
<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/bdxcuk/mwext.pdf>
Das ist die External Liste der Briten beim BrDXC-UK. Vielleicht lässt sich ein Vergleich 4010 / 4820 und MW 1431 vornehmen?

ASIA. 1431 KYRGYZSTAN - Jalal-Abad (40 kW), KGR-1, Birinchi Radio, 2300-1800 in Kyrgyz and Russia. Mir passt die Uhrzeit nicht, so uncomod, sonst könnte ich mal in Moskau oder bei Mauno hineinhören. und Roger hatte uns ja mit den URL's versorgt:

Email address / Kirgisien, die Kontakte zum Radio
<<http://ktrk.kg/ru/content/kontakty>>
Audio, diesmal mit vlc software tauglichen Adressen
<<http://ktrk.kg/online-audio.php?id=1>>
Kirgisisches Radio vlc <<http://212.112.96.232:8083>>
<<http://ktrk.kg/online-audio.php?id=2>>
Birinci Radio Erstes Radio vlc <<http://212.112.96.232:8080>>
<<http://ktrk.kg/online-audio.php?id=3>>
FM [Min Kiyal FM] vlc <<http://212.112.96.232:8081>>
<<http://ktrk.kg/online-audio.php?id=4>>
[Dostuk] (Friendship / Freundschaft) vlc <<http://212.112.96.232:8082>>
Stream ist ein versteckter flv-Stream, darin eine 128 kbps aac/vbr.
Spielt der Videolanplayer trotzdem ab, da er sich an den Rohdaten orientieren kann (Roger-D, A-DX Dec 1, 2013 via wb, A-DX via SW Bulletin Jan 19 via DXLD)

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** KYRGYZSTAN [non]. 4820, PBS Lhasa in Chinese, S=9+25dB signal at 1742 UT c-d 1800, INDIA and underneath AIR Calcutta on odd 4819.994 kHz, c-d 1748? Nothing heard of KGZ Kyrgyz R1 Bishkek Krasnaya Rechka on new? 4820 kHz (Wolfgang B,schel, log on Ceylon [sic] island, Jan 18 at 17-18 UT slot using Victor Goonetilleke's Perseus remote receiver, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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Re new 4820 kHz station: there are some thoughts about the withdrawal of Radio Rossii program in Bishkek in late August 2013? ex 4050 kHz service, since August 2013 Radio Rossii radio was not heard from Bishkek Kyrgyzstan anymore.

former 4050 R. Rossii 2300-1900 daily Russian 50 ND Bishkek KGZ
42 52 42.60 N 74 59 54.19 E

Why should the Kyrgyz Radio company transmitter not have gone to the 4820 kHz channel now, when the Radio Rossii bc rent decommissioned on 4050 kHz?

There are also long-standing conflicts with the Russian army stationed in Kyrgyzstan associations and their local camp radio stations, in recent years.

Events context with RR closure in Russia? And that would fit also to the Radio Rossii closures on shortwave in their own Russia country on 9 January this year.

And maybe too KGZ telecom has been some money on their budget of "TWR PANI" deal at SV2+2 sidefire 210deg antenna, at Bishkek, Krasnaya Rechka, 42 52 42.48 N 74 59 45.32 E

On the same picture also suitable fits to RR in TJK, people have started broadcasting from FM broadcasts from a Russian basis to disturb, since they are not licensed, been a long-simmering conflict

<<http://www.rosbalt.ru/exussr/2013/05/03/1124994.html>>

re monitoring: Lhasa 4820 is scheduled around 20-18 UT, and to Hindi from AIR Calcutta to 1840 UT also. Everything on the same channel.

Since only fits 1840 to 2000 UT as a break gap! Otherwise there is no chance with this thiny poor signal to hear something under the strong Lhasa CHN station WORLD OF RADIO 1705,

Maybe that was a French language course to Bishkek audience or via CNR PBS Lhasa Tibet from signing-on 2000 UT?

When started the French recording, - before or after 2000 UT? Lhasa China signal on 4820 kHz at 2050 UT was much stronger than UNID station recording. French language? - I've heard nothing at all, maybe it was because of my red wine consumed ... ;-);-) (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 16-17 via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

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** LAOS. 6130, Lao National Radio-Vientiane, Jan 14 1159-1208, 33433, Laotian, Seven gongs, News.

6130, Lao National R.-Vientiane, Jan 17 1153-1205, 34443-33433, Laotian, Talk and music, Theme music and seven gongs at 1159, ID at 1200, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6130, Lao National Radio, Vientiane, 1234-1310. Initially heard two signals of poor quality (Laos and PBS Xizang, Tibet) mixing with talk and music. By 1255 Laos dominated with indigenous vocal ballad music by a woman. At 1302, brief theme music, an announcement in Lao by a woman, a longer music bridge, and talk by a woman. Vocal ballad music resumed at the end of the talk segment. Signal peaked to almost moderate level 1255-1302, then deteriorated quickly. Tibet remained mostly constant at poor strength and was also heard on parallel 6110. Another result of enhanced conditions this week. 1/12/2014 (Jim Evans, Germantown TN, Perseus, IC-R75, Wellbrook Loop, Eavesdropper Dipole, Random Wire, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 19 via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

** LIBERIA. 4760, ELWA, Monrovia (presumed), 0712-0724. Heard bits and pieces of audio on a very weak, threshold level carrier with fading and major noise. Sounded like a male preacher, but too spotty to identify the language (English per schedule). Also heard bits of what

sounded like religious music. Carrier weakened and audio disappeared after 0724. 1/12/2014 (Jim Evans, Germantown TN, Perseus, IC-R75, Wellbrook Loop, Eavesdropper Dipole, Random Wire, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

4760, ELWA at 2142 with an African-accented hymn and a man with brief preaching and into another African hymn ñ Weak but quite audible Jan 16 ñ a friend of mine who raises money for a charity that drills wells in Africa mentioned that he has frequently stayed at ELWA. They broadcast from a beautiful spot on an unspoiled beach (Mark Coady, Selwyn, ON, Alinco DX-70, Drake SPR-4 delta loop or long wire, ODXA YRX via DXLD)

4760, ELWA Radio, 2335 Jan 16, playing Gospel songs, checked back at 0002 and they were gone. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4760, ELWA (presumed); 2235-2248+, 17-Jan; English about missionaries in Africa & Mid-East & Islamic/Christian conflicts. SI0=2+53- (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4760, ELWA Monrovia, 2345-0000, sounded like possible religious service - poor signal 17 Jan (XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR [and non]. 5005.0, RN Guinea Bata, carrier visible tiny S=4-5, b u t little QRM by odd 5008.474 RTM Madagasikara, Antananarivo, hops up and down by ±20 Hertz, S=7 at 1753 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, log on Ceylon [sic] island, Jan 18 at 17-18 UT slot using Victor Goonetilleke's Perseus remote receiver, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 11665, RTM Sarawak, Kajang. 1222 January 5, 2014. Malay pop vocals. Presume the FM relay in Malay or something local language female, phone calls patched in. Good (Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9835, no trace of RTM Sarawak, not even a carrier. Does this mean that RTM has stopped here? It is possible that 11665 has some but very low signal and stopped at 1600 Jan 11 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, using the standard rig of R75 and 16 in[verted?] V antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Now at 0950 UT on Japanese rx unit heard 9835 kHz very tiny music, and little stronger on 11665 kHz also. But in Australia much better reception:

RTM FM 5964.702
RTM Asyrik 6049.987
RTM Trax 7295
RTM Sarawak 9835 S=9+15dB
RTM Wai 11665 S=9+15dB
(Wolfgang B, schel, ibid.)

9835, RTM Sarawak, now back Jan 18, 1935 with songs kau pergi jua at 2105 with signal <S2

5964.7, Klasik Malaysia, 2011 Jan 18 with a song from Saleem, S3-5 22342 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050, Salam FM via RTM, via Kajang, 1501-1511*, Jan 17. Heard just after the choral National Anthem (Negaraku ñ Lagu Kebangsaan Malaysia); singing "Salam FM" ID; Islamic programming; suddenly off (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. 5995, Radiodiffusion-TV Malienne, 2327 Jan 16, French, woman speaker, into traditional African music through bottom of the hour and continuing during several checks. Poor, carrier seemed good but low modulation (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Sat 18 Jan: probably means Sun 19 according to previous log times]: 9635, 0810 has been fond with only carrier (nearly no modulation) S3 only (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 939.85, XEQ MÈxico, DF, JAN 14 0300 - Noted back off-frequency with het against 940 WIPR and WMAC. Seems to be switching between two transmitters, one on-frequency and the other off-frequency, every few days (Bruce Conti, WPC1CAT, Nashua NH; WiNRADiO Excalibur, MWDX-5 phasing unit, 15 x 23-m variable termination SuperLoop antennas 60 northeast and 180 south, NRC IDXD Jan 17 via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 1030, XESDD is back to their old "La Tremenda 10-30 AM", heard tonight 7:45-8:30+ PM PST, ToH and BoH IDs (Martin Foltz, Mission Viejo CA, Jan 19, ABDX via DXLD)

After having been what? ``1030 AM Radio Romance`` per IRCA Mexican Log 2013 which Martin edited (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 1050, M...XICO, XEBCS, La Paz, BCS. 0424 1/12, ID mentioning 99.1 FM, slogan "La Radio de Sur California", then into music, ads, ID 0440. First heard back on 12/16 and now nightly so probably increased

power. Seems to ID every 15 minutes with complete ID but I haven't heard them mention their call letters yet! New XE estado for me (MARTIN FOLTZ, Mission Viejo CA, HQ-180A, 80' wire, IRCA DX Monitor Jan 18 via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 2910, UNID seemed YL espa0ol 1155 to 1210 18 Jan (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Probably my favorite MW harmonic, XEVT, Villahermosa, Tabasco, 3 x 970 (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO [and non]. 6010, XEOI-Radio Mil, MÈxico DF; 0412-0500 Jan 9, mostly Spanish talk by a male announcer with ad strings and some ranchera music; IDs 0421 and 0431 as "Radio Mil, °Viva MÈxico!"; best in USB to avoid Radio Habana Cuba splatter from 6000; HJDH-La Voz de tu Concencia on 6010.2 caused a mild het but Mil was generally strongest until fading after 0445; I've been trying to catch an ID from XEOI for 43 years! (Andy Robins, Kalamazoo MI, MARE Tipsheet 17 Jan via DXLD) 1/9) cool! -kvz (Ken Zichi, ed., ibid.)

** MEXICO. 6185, MÈxico, Radio EducaciÙn, 0110 in Spanish with guitar music into male ID at 0118 and male and female news. Strong carrier with fair to medium modulation. Jan 8 (Ken Walters, Palm Beach, South Florida, Sangean ATS 909X, via Bob Wilkner, DXLD)

6180 [sic], XEPPM, R EducaciÙn, Spanish with Mexican folk music -- sounded old like it was from 78s or Edison cylinders rather than more modern recording techniques. Pretty cool stuff actually! Blew through the ToH without pausing or even taking a break, but clear ID as "Radio EducaciÙn Onda Corta" at 0522. Marginal with some mixing products with RHC marring things and my local noise + splatter. 334+52+ 0445-0525 16/Jan (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 17 Jan via DXLD) Surely 6185; Brasil on 6180 (gh, DXLD)

6185, Jan 18 at 1636, the OSOB is a JBA carrier here, suspected R. EducaciÙn active in daytime (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MICRONESIA. 4755.53v, PMA-The Cross Radio, 1157:14*, Jan 15. Off just after the DTMF tones (dual-tone multi-frequency), that turns the tx off automatically.

4755.49v on Jan 18 at 0733 - iThe Cross Radio is a Ministry of Pacific Mission Fellowship. You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning at 9 AM for our worship service followed by a brief segment by Pastor Greg Laurie with "Time for Harvest" (www.harvest.org) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOLDOVA [non]. MOLDOVA SERVICE WINS TOP HONORS IN TWO LANGUAGES

<http://www.rferl.org/content/moldova-service-wins-top-honors/25233068.html>

Moldova - Alla Ceapai and Tamara Grejdeanu won top honors from the Center for Independent Journalists 19Dec13. [caption] January 17, 2014

RFE/RL's Moldovan service, or Radio Europa Libera as it is known locally, has recently won three prestigious awards that attest to its role in serving the public interest by reporting on diverse issues for diverse communities inside the country.

Alla Ceapai and Tamara Grejdeanu, both correspondents with RFE/RL's Chisinau bureau, were recognized by Moldova's Center for Independent Journalism in December for their journalistic work.

Grejdeanu, 24, was named "Journalistic Hope of 2013" in recognition of her human rights reporting. To apply for the award, she had submitted a report on legal protections of children and one on human trafficking, [...]

Alla Ceapai, 25, was lauded as one of Moldova's top ten journalists. To qualify, she submitted reports on the rights of sexual minorities in Moldova, including new legislation resembling restrictions recently adopted in Russia. [...]

The awards were selected based on applicants' submissions and the nominations of civil society groups. Radio Europa Libera was the only radio outlet to receive top honors in these categories.

Radio Europa Libera celebrated 2013 with an additional media prize from the Russian literary magazine, "Nashe Pokolenie." Oana Serafim, Moldovan service director, expressed delight at the tribute, since Radio Europe Libera reports primarily in Romanian. [...]

- Anna Barbara Mazel (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

Moldovan service? Romanian? Neither ``language`` is on the RFE/RL schedule in WRTN 2014 --- but that only concerns broadcasts, i.e. shortwave. Do we conclude that some webcast is now for Moldova, not Romania? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. 9575, R. Medi Un, Jan 17 0736-0746, 45444, French, News, ID at 0741 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jan 20 at 1525 [when hearing JAPAN, q.v. on 9575:] And no sign of Morocco now or at various other times I have sought MEdi-1, 9575. Aoki has contradictory info for it: either 24 hours, or with a break 1330-

1600 except on Fri, Sat, Sun, and a break everyday until 1855. And the only other services on 9575 are CNR1 jamming and AIR in Tibetan at 1215-1330 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 5985.8, Myanmar Radio. Jan 17 both Dan Sheedy (Southern Calif.) and I were listening at the same time and enjoying the same fairly good reception from 1530 to 1548. At 1542 very nice "interview" segment with a judge at the current ASEAN Para Games being held in Myanmar; on first day Myanmar won 5 medals and on second day 2 medals; judge tells about his life; clear audio at <https://app.box.com/s/y5lzy7ik01zpngtgmd5s>
Very entertaining! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Myanmar R, Rangoon now on 7200.090 kHz odd frequency, 1035 UT. 73 (Wolfgang B,schel, Jan 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 6095, Mighty KBC R., Jan 12 1429-1457, 23332-33333, English, Music, ID at 1431, etc. (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. CANADA: 6160, CKZN, St. Johns NL; 2116-2123+, 18-Jan; Performance Hour; English interview with musician Richard Neville & references to Labrador. SI0=3+43+; 1200-1210+, 19-Jan; CBC News to 1210 into weather for "The Island", St. Johns, "Lab West", etc. SI0=333- with unID co-channel (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CANADA

** NEW ZEALAND. 11725, RNZI, 18/01 0720 UT. M'sica en idioma ingl'ès, la mayoría corresponde a los años 50ís o 60ís. Adem's un locutor las presenta de manera breve, nombrando unos Éxitos del año 1963 que fueron furor en Nueva Zelandia. SINPO: 55444 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** NICARAGUA. 8989-USB, "El Pescador Preacher" 2350 OM preacher en espa0ol with good signal on 10 January and most nights since. Occasional ute interference on top (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 9690, Voice of Nigeria (tentative); 2031, 16-Jan; M in presume in listed Hausa with mentions of Nigeria. Mixing about equally with B.S. via WRMI waxing about the New World Order (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft.

center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) Nigeria is about 0.1 kHz low, should be het (gh)

QSL: VOICE OF NIGERIA, Abuja, 15120 kHz (13.4.2012), Cartolina QSL e brochure in 431 giorni. E-rpt con MP3 (rispedito in aprile 2013) a: voixdunigeria@yahoo.fr (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan 21, playdx yg via DXLD)

15120, V. of Nigeria, Jan 22 0802-0816, 35433, English, News and talk, ID at 0806 and 0813 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. QSL: Undercover Radio (pirate). Full-data card in 1 year 9 months for 15075 kHz, 1000 watts broadcast. Mobile transmitter van photo card #782. E-card received a few days prior via Dr. Benway (Terry Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. WHYP: 6875/AM, 2141-2217:41*, 18-Jan; Old interview with Jay "Bozo" Smilkstein of Mt. Kisco NY at a SWL Winterfest; very wide-ranging topics with considerable emphasis on getting hand jobs. Also brought up his uncle Samuel Schmuckstein, robbery of his mom's jewelry by a man in a white Dodge Ram pickup truck, his dentist Dr. Suck and woeful tale about the police threatening to condemn his house because he can't get oil delivered from Simone Alameda of Alameda Fuel; also worked in references to WLW, WHAS, Allen Weiner, Steve Wozniak, Nicola Tesla, Leonard Kahn & Redaio [sic] Rebelde. 2210 rock tunes & ID; QSL via WHYPradio@gmail.com Off with George Zeller's comment about a bad pirate, "in that respect". SI0=444- with occasional ute trills. What a total hoot! (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6930-USB, Jan 19 at 0100, pirate music on USB; retune 0103 just in time to miss full ID, `` --- Radio, from the depths of the high desert``, but 0105 Morse code ID twice slowly as KMUD. Here's a thread with many more reports of it:
<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,15002.0.html>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKINAWA. JS6LIH, 21245-USB, 2309 10 Jan. On Taketomi Island in the Okinawa group. Okinawa (Ryukyu Islands) counts as a separate DXCC "entity" & NASWA country, as well (Dan Sheedy, Swami's Beach, CA, Grundig G3 + 4m X-wire, via Bob Wilkner, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 750, KSEO, Durant ñ Format to TLK (ex-REL), slogan to iTexoma Talk 750,î net to WW1 (AM Switch, NRC DX News Jan 6 via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. Tulsa area radio --- On the drive to work in Tahlequah, Oklahoma this morning (03JAN14) 0730-0800 CT [1330-1400 UT], I did a quick "check" of the local stations and found a few things of interest:

1570, KZLI, Catoosa OK heard in English with an alternative medicine infomercial "program". Dual ID 0800 CLT, welcoming Tulsa listeners, with KTLR-890 Oklahoma City into OKC weather forecast. KZLI was "La Luz" with Spanish language religion/music.

1530, KXTD, Wagoner OK heard with Spanish vocal music and "Que Buena" slogan. KXTD was ESPN Deportes the last time I heard them.

1340, presumed KJMU-Sand Springs OK, reactivated with non-stop Spanish vocal music, no IDs or other IDable talk heard this morning. Don't know if "on" for good or just for a day or 2 to keep the license "alive"? Will keep a close eye on 1340.

The other Spanish language stations in Tulsa (1120, 1270 and 1380) all sounded "normal" to me. I have no idea of the "start date" of any of these changes and activities but presume they have occurred quite recently

1490, KBIK, Muskogee OK still silent. My drive to Tahlequah takes me within 5-6 miles of their transmitter site but nothing heard, only the typical GY gumbo (Bruce Winkelman AA5C0, Tulsa, OK, Honda Civic "radio", Jan 3, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Listened around again today running errands/honey-do's between 1100 and 1330 CLT 04JAN14. KZLI had a preacher in English around 1115-1130 CLT but a Spanish language program sounding religious in nature around 1330 CLT. So seems to be a mixed format of some sort. Haven't checked websites or Google for clues yet.

1340 still had Spanish language vocal music when checked at various times while out and about. Presumed long silent KJMU Sand Springs, OK back on at least temporarily (Bruce Winkelman AA5C0, Tulsa, OK, Honda Civic "radio", Jan 4, ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA. 1157-1183 kHz, Jan 22 at 1423 and 1620 UT chex, IBOC is back on from 1170 KFAQ Tulsa. I feared the clearup would not last (Glenn Hauser, Enid, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. CALL CHANGES: 1270, KRVT, Claremore ñ Call change to KTUZ (1/3). (AM Switch, NRC DX News Jan 13 via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

CALL CHANGES

FREQ OLD CALL CITY OF LICENSE NEW CALL

1270 KRVF Claremore, OK KTUZ

1270 KTUZ Claremore, OK was Regional Mexican, now new unknown format
(IRCA DX Monitor Jan 18 via DXLD)

1270, Jan 21 at 1955 UT I am checking out the Claremore/Tulsa station which AM Switch in NRC DX News Jan 13 reported changed call Jan 3 from KRVF to KTUZ; also IRCA DX Monitor Jan 18 which added ``was Regional Mexican, now new unknown format``. Us Okies know that KTUZ is already the call of a Spanish FM station in OKC, La Zeta, 106.7, plus TV on RF 29 which carries both archrivals Telemundo and Univisi n. Could there be some connexion? Yes!

Even on the caradio, 1270 is quite weak here, so after finding that it is indeed // 106.7 which has a semi-local signal, I continue listening there for ToH ID. (Haven't yet checked on two radios for a delay.) After some dead air, at 2000 UT, SHVA exclaims joint ID for both FM on 106.7 and AM Claremore-Tulsa on 1270, stations of Tyler Media. Tyler is pronounced as in English, Media as in Spanish.

So now yet another Tulsa AM station becomes a mere satellite of an OKC station (after 1570 relaying 890, also Tylers). As for format, it still sounds ``regional Mexican`` to me, if that means norte a music where most of the immigrants around here come from, besides Guatemala.

Inspecting <http://www.ktuz.com/> one is hard-pressed to find La Zeta as on any radio frequency but 106.7. But Jesus is one of their DJs (Glenn Hauser, Enid, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. CHANGES TO EXISTING STATIONS: CPs completed, moving to final licensing: 1340, KJMU, OK, Sand Springs   Applies for license to cover CP for U1 500/1000. 1340, KJMU, OK, Sand Springs   Format to Spanish ex-UC:AC (AM Switch, NRC DX News Jan 20 via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 88.3, Jan 17 circa 2030 UT, K202BY, Enid, the Family Radio satellator of KEAR-FM Sacramento CA, is very out of order again, cutting off and on the air at the rate of 198 times per minute. Jan 18 at 0136 UT, now it's slowed down to a regular dropoff amounting to 32 times per minute, except some of the drops are missed. What a waste, whether it's off or on (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 90.1, KCSC-FM Edmond, our only FM source for classical music since it was banned by KOSU, reception has generally declined such that I wonder if they are on reduced power? It's always been iffy in Enid vs Radio Kansas co-channel, but KCSC used to be a bit stronger on the average. Now there are times I can barely hear it at all, on car or household radios, even if KHCC is not capturing. We desperately need a translator in Enid. Why does much smaller McAlester in SE OK

merit a KCSC non-translator relay (KBCW 91.9)? Because they have a benefactor there (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Zach Dumas, ops manager of KCSC-FM Edmond called at 1522 UT Jan 21, in reply to my inquiry on their web contact form; also see my Jan 17 log item. Says crew is going out to its own tower today to work on problem; couldn't do previously due to high winds, and should be back on air later today. Apparently combination of transmitter and antenna difficulty. Have had problem for about a week; was on backup for a while, accounting for the weak signal I was getting, but now off the air completely.

As for my complaint about inadequate signal in Enid, even when on full power and tower, Zach says they are working on a relay in Woodward, via tower used by KCCU/Cameron Univ out of Lawton, and that should help: not much, I told him, unless it's high power, as the KGOU relay in Woodward, 88.1 KWOU with 23.5 kW at 224.1 m, is very marginal here. Told him we still need a *local* signal in Enid, translator at least. Once again, smaller towns further away get better signals than we do!

FCC FM Query shows: ``KZCU 240 A FM 95.9 MHz LIC WOODWARD OK US BLH-20001220AAZ - 82843 - 6. KW 100. m CAMERON UNIVERSITY``. Not clear whether he meant taking over this facility or merely adding their own to that tower on another frequency; none as yet in FCC FMQ even as an APP. Checking the KCCU site, <http://kccu.org/locations> no mention of Woodward or 95.9 now, so must be off, pending KCSC FM takeover. Woodward is further from Enid than OKC, and 6 kW power will be of no use in Enid, also adjacent to 95.7 local.

90.1, Jan 21 at 2026 UT check, KCSC-FM Edmond is back on the air as promised earlier today, with classical music; seems at usual level which means not enough to avoid picket-fencing as I drive around Enid, nor enough to break into stereo sound, altho the ST icon displays on the radio dial, showing that it exists (unlike on much stronger 91.7 KOSU, downgraded to mono). Good to have them back --- but wait, gone again later that evening, and still gone Jan 22 at 0630, 1505 and 1620 UT chex. Still no mention on the website about the outage (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glen[n], Our main antenna suffered a bad lightning strike at some point, we don't know when, but it only manifested itself two weeks ago when we could not get the ERP above 15%. In the meantime a crew has taken down the top three bays for repair and put up a temporary at 300 feet. The temporary itself shorted out Monday and Hal replaced it with a one-bay yesterday afternoon. The relentless wind has kept progress slow as the repair was supposed to be finished a week ago (Brad Ferguson, KCSC, Jan 22 via gh, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA [non]. QSL: Sri Lanka, ETERNAL GOOD NEWS via BIBLE VOICE Trincomalee 15390 kHz (13.1.2013), E-mail in 4 giorni e lettera QSL, scheda e trascrizione dei programmi ascoltati in 10 giorni. E-rpt con MP3 inviato a: gabry@cox.net QTH: P.O. Box 5333 - Edmond OK 73083 (USA). V/s: George Bryan (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan 21, playdx yg via DXLD) See also PALAU

** OMAN. 15140, Radio Sultanate of Oman tune in at 1359-1501. Male singer in English with rap music lead in to a female singer who finished the song. At 1401 another song with male singer in English with long segment of instrumental between singing section of the song. At 1404 another song. Another song at 1408. The songs continued with occasional very brief talk in between by male announcer, and also there was an ID at the 1430 BoH followed by clock chimes, and an ID by a man followed by today's news headlines and then news, and then at 1437 summary of the main news stories, at 1438 musical bridge then promo for Oman FM 90.4 and then female presenter spoke with a promo for 90.4 FM, followed by herbs and how they are useful medicine. The program continued and at 1458 a quite soft instrumental musical selection. At 1459 ID as "Oman FM on 90.4, 91.3" then sound effects that sounded like bird chirping and water dripping followed at 1500 with a time pip, more water dripping and then "For our listeners now it's time for a call to prayers" and then ID as Radio Sultanate of Oman. This was followed by a man chanting prayers in Arabic at 1501 GMT. Fair-good signal. 01/13/14 (Steve Handler, Buffalo Grove IL, Icom IC-7200, Tecsun PL-660, wire antennas, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

13600, R. Sultanate of Oman, Jan 17 0440-0456, 35443, Arabic, Talk and Arabic music, ID at 0450 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, Radio Sultanate of Oman; 1416-1423+, 18-Jan; "90.4 FM Radio Oman"; pop music; diabetes/hepatitis PSAs; "Let's keep Oman sugar-free". Feature about the Musqat Festival. SIO=3+54 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PALAU: QSL: ETERNAL GOOD NEWS via KWHK [sic! that was Hawaii, defunct --- gh], Koror 9930 kHz (24.11.2013), E-mail in 4 giorni e lettera QSL, scheda e trascrizione dei programmi ascoltati in 10 giorni. E-report con MP3 inviato a: gabry@cox.net QTH: P.O. Box 5333 - Edmond OK 73083 (USA). V/s: George Bryan (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan 21, playdx yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 1610, R Inca, Acora, Puno. Observed s/off 0308. Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Radio-INKA-Acora/366258920081343>
First reported by Alfredo Cañote in January 2012 (ref.: SAND
23.1.2012). This info from Stig Hartvig Nielsen travelling in South
America (ARC mv-eko 20 Jan via DXLD)

** PERU. CHASQUI DX PFA ñ ENERO --- CQ, CQ, CQ; Aquí Pedro F.
Arrun·tegui para compartir algo con los que disfrutan y aman el DX
latinoamericano, todas las horas son UTC, desde la tierra de los
incas, les informo mediante este Quipus lo siguiente:

4774.90, PER/, R. Tarma, Tarma, Junín; 17/01 1050-1115, 33333++, mx
huayno, ID "Desde Radio Tarma del Per', hemos presentado, programa
Confidencial, música folclórica nacional, luego dan el ·ngelus
(noticiero).

4835.00, R. Ondas del Sur Oriente, Quillabamba; 21/01 1110-1140,
44444, px en quechua, mx huayno, ID "Radio Ondas del Sur Oriente". El
[sic] ID lo dan entre mx.

4955.00, R. Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 2/01 2315-2335, 44444, ads y mx,
ya llego a Ayacucho la medicina china, ID "Radio Cultural Amauta en
quechua y español, px en quechua.

4985.50, R. Voz Cristiana, Chilca, Huancayo; 2/01 1105-1145, 44444, ID
"Se encuentran en sintonía de radio Voz Cristiana", px Bilingüe
quechua español, ID iEn todo el valle del Mantaro se escucha Radio Voz
Cristiana"; mx con tema religioso. ID con pututo. Radio Voz
Cristiana"

5024.92, R. Quillabamba, Quillabamba, Cusco; 9/01 2312-2335, 33333++,
px religioso rezo del rosario en quechua, ID i Por Radio Quillabamba".

6173.90, R. Tawuantinsuyo, Cuzco; 7/01 2145-2210, 44444, mx cumbia
peruana, ads Plus Petrol con energía todo se puede. ID iRadio
Tawuantinsuyo, la voz de la expresión andina, transmite desde Cusco,
Per', mx.

73's Pedro -- Vivo en una casa muy pequeña, pero, sus ventanas se
abren hacia un mundo muy grande. Muchos 128's PFA (Pedro F.
Arrun·tegui, Lima, Per', Chasqui DX January, La recepción la he
efectuado del 2/01 al 21/01 en compañía de mi sabueso Icom IC R72,
acompañado del Mizuho KX-3, una antena de hilo largo de 12 metros y
una antena loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 3329.6, Per', Ondas del Huallaga, Hu·nuco, 2330 to 2355
locutor en español, weak signal 2 January; weak signal 8 January 2345
to 2355 en español. Some tentative logs since but very weak signals,

2345 to 0000 (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4789.9, Per', Radio Visiùn, Chiclayo, 2350 to 0000 very distorted espa0ol signal under transmitter hum on 9 January and other days since with same transmitter issues (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4810, Per', Radio Logos, Chazuta, Tarapoto, 1040 to 1050 OM vocal en espa0ol with very good signal -- easily the best heard from Peru. 9 January (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4810, Chazuta. "Radio Logos", 0225 UT, 20/01. Varias canciones de M'sica en Espa0ol. Se escucha bastante interferencia de Transmisiùn Stanag, SINPO: 34343 (Marcos Cox, Vicu0a, Chile, Receptor: DEGEN DE1103; Antena: Cable largo 3 Metros, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 4824.49, Per', La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, 2340 to 0016 with OM and YL in discussion en espa0ol, notice better signals recently from this emisora, 10/11 Jan (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas; and XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4826.5, Per', Radio Sicuani, Sicuani, Cusco, silent since December? (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4835, Per', Ondas del Suroriente, Quillabamba, 2340 to 2355 vocalist en espa0ol, weak with CODAR 8 Jan., noted en espa0ol 2340 to 2350 on 10 Jan. with ute interference and CODAR (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4939.9 tentative, Per', Radio San Antonio de Atalaya, 2350 to 0010 OM en espa0ol with deep fades, 10/11 Jan (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4955, R. CULTURAL AMAUTA, 17/01 2317 UT. Mujer da informaciones de tipo patriûtico en quechua con SINPO: 53443 con un audio de un locutor sobremodulado que no posible identificar 0Nacional de Colombia en la misma frecuencia? (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

HJ has been off the air for sesquidecades (gh, DXLD)

** PERU. 5025, Peru, Radio Quillabamba, 0030, threshold 17 Jan (XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5025, Quillabamba. "Radio Quillabamba", 0105 UT Jan 20. Música romántica en español de Juan Gabriel entre otros, ID programa para los enamorados. No se nota interferencia de Radio Rebelde de Cuba, SINPO: 45444 (Marcos Cox, Vicuña, Chile, Receptor: DEGEN DE1103; Antena: Cable largo 3 Metros, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 5980, R. CHASKI, 15/01 0020 UT. Retransmisión de Red Radio Integridad con 3 minutos más tarde al compararse con el 700 AM, desde Lima con SINPO: 43343. Señal con algo de sobremodulación y SINPO: 55444.

5980, R. CHASKI, 15/01 2202 UT. Comienzo de transmisión con música en quechua y aymara cantada por conjuntos corales, principalmente por mujeres. SINPO: 45343.

Se monitorea nuevamente a las 2350, y hay un hombre predicando en quechua, con ID como Radio Chaski con lecturas de las frecuencias. SINPO: 55454 con un poco de sobremodulación.

5980, R. CHASKI, 16/01 0003 UT. Comienzo de la transmisión del final del programa ¡Alimento para el alma!, como parte de la retransmisión de Red Radio Integridad con SINPO: 55444. La señal produce un corte por dos segundos y vuelve nuevamente al aire con la ID de R. R. Integridad. ¿Se obtendrá la señal de Integridad vía microondas? Probablemente, eso explicaría el atraso de 3 minutos con respecto al 700 AM, vía Lima, y la distinta modulación entre Chaski como tal e Integridad después de las 0003.

5980, R. CHASKI, 16/01 2304 UT. Programa en quechua con un locutor que manda saludos y música en el mismo idioma hasta las 0002 del 17/01, en cuando comienza la retransmisión de R. Red Integridad. Señal con SINPO: 55454 y desde las 0002 con SINPO: 55444.

5980, R. CHASKI, 17/01 2351 UT. Programa en idioma quechua.

5980, R. CHASKI, 18/01 0026 UT. Música instrumental como retransmisión de Red R. Integridad, aunque con un audio menor a cuando estaba Chaski directamente en quechua hace una hora atrás. SINPO: 55454 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

5980, Jan 18 at 0056, R. Chaski carrier with some modulation in the

5990 CRI/Cuba splash, until cutoff at 0103:51.5* which is 11.5 seconds later than last check 48 hours earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, R. CHASKI, 18/01 2334 UT. Avisos de la emisora y comienzo de un programa de estudio de un concepto en griego koin  con SINPO: 55555 con sobremodulaci n y corte de se al. Retransmisi n de Red Radio Integridad, con 15 segundos de atraso con respecto a R. R. Integridad en 700 AM que tiene SINFO: 44433 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

5980, Jan 19 at 0057, R. Chaski carrier in the splash from 5990 CRI/Cuba. Pointless pulse jamming from Cuba continues past 0100, but Chaski cutoff abruptly at 0103:57* which is 5.5 seconds later than yesterday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, R. CHASKI, 19/01 2301 UT. No existe ning n tipo de modulaci n, s lo portadora al aire. Contrario a la transmisi n de Red Radio Integridad v a Lima en 700 AM con SINFO: 44444.

5980, R. CHASKI, 20/01 0051 UT. Existe una portadora abierta con cierta modulaci n por debajo que no es identificable.  Ser  R. Felicidad, RPP de Cusco o Nacional de Cusco? Ya que todas las anteriores han sido transmitidas cuando existen problemas, especialmente Felicidad y Nacional.

5980, R. CHASKI, 20/01 2325 UT. Hombre predica en quechua acerca del Dios alt simo [en quechua: Puni   ?] basado en el Salmo 8 y Salmo 2 [en quechua: paya] hasta las 2336, cuando se da un espacio musical cantado por una mujer en quechua y en aymara, adem s de anunciar ID:  Radio Chaski, Chaskimanta  en voz de la misma cantante. Se al con buena modulaci n y SINPO: 55454.

5980, R. CHASKI, 21/01 0020 UT. Desde las 0030, se emite el programa  El amor que vale  de Adrian Rogers, que fue el  nico espacio completo en espa ol como retransmisi n de Red R. Integridad. Ya que el programa en quechua dur  hasta cerca de las 0020, a pesar que la semana anterior duraba hasta las 0000 o 0003 (debido al atraso de la conexi n con Red R. Integridad de Lima en 700 AM) de Lunes a Viernes. Se al con SINPO: 45444 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

5980, Jan 21 at 0057, R. Chaski with VP signal but enough to audiblize some music modulation, until cut off amid a hymn tune at 0104:08* which is 11 seconds later than last check 48 hours ago (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, R. CHASKI, 21/01 2245 UT. La señal se encuentra conectada con Red Radio Integridad, dando el programa: ¡Visión para vivir!. SINPO: 45454 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 9775, Jan 21 at 1352, open carrier, 1353 join in progress the perpetual prelude of love songs in English, YM crooner with ``I'm here for the long run``, preceding 1400 Radio Free Chosun in Korean.

Now confirmed: the Radio Veritas Asia, Palauig site is transmitting this at 1400-1600 on 20-degree beam which is also just right for North America far beyond North Korea, belying previous listings as via Tajikistan or Uzbekistan which could not achieve such a strong, reliable, usually unfluttered signal on an offbeam and trans-polar path to here (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST) filed here for site confirmation; rest under KOREA NORTH [non]

** PHILIPPINES. 9800, Jan 16 at 1444, IBB Tinang is again having big problems with the transmitter attempting to air VOA Korean: as I tune in, big open carrier, trace of modulation at spike peaks only, then carrier off and on without modulation; while off I can hear something else weak on frequency (presumably Iran in Hindi). 1450 VOA resuming, 1451 drops off and on again, 1456 more of same; 1457 back on but with modulation suppressed and distorted, carrier off and on yet some more; 1459 to sign-off routine from Washington, 1500 YDD playing.

I believe that earlier around 1400, 9800 was not breaking up. 9775, meanwhile, R. Free Chosun has no such problems either, just as strong and probably also from Philippines.

9530 & 9605, Tinang also playing VOA YDD sign-offs, suddenly in the clear at 1500 as the ChiCom have just turned off the jamming against VOA Chinese.

9800, Jan 17 at 1418, VOA Korean via Tinang with some ICDs (intermittent carrier dropoffs), but nowhere near as bad as yesterday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Radio Mayak on 78.0kHz via remote SDR.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osNna7Sc9Jg&feature=youtu.be>
Where is this Mayak from? de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, Japan, Jan 20, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It was explained on Russian DX list that it is radiated from Voronezh wire radio network. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, WORLD OF RADIO 1705,

ibid.)

Mauno, why necessarily Voronezh? Do you mean that Mayak is now broadcast on the 2nd program of wire network in Voronezh only, and/or such network only survived in Voronezh? Don't think so; It may just as well be any other region (closer to receiver location). The only way to identify the source is to catch a local ID, if any (some regional Mayak outlets used to air some local adverts).

In Chisinau, for example, I used to listen to Radio Rossii on this very frequency when RR was still broadcast on the 2nd program of 'radiotochka' (wire network), now discontinued. Interestingly, 'Moldavian' RR version had Rostov (or Krasnodar?) regional programs, no idea what was the feed they might have used for that :-o Best regards, (Leo Barmaleo, Moldova, ibid.)

Because I have heard it only via Voronezh remote receiver, not in Moscow or elsewhere, but admittedly there are very few remote receivers available in Russia. I didn't know if the networks use the same frequencies in every town. Sei-ichi, was it heard via Voronezh rx? 73, (Mauno Ritola, ibid.)

The same frequencies everywhere - 78 and 120 kHz (Victor Rutkovsky, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, ibid.)

OK, got it. Does it still operate in every city? I suppose normal rx catching a leaking signal must be near the line. Some info here: http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/??????????_????????? [Cyrillic URL, same as below?] (Mauno Ritola, ibid.)

Yes, it's all the same everywhere (78 & 120 kHz), including Moscow that must still have it.

[http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/](http://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9F%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%BE%D0%B4%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%B5_%D0%B2%D0%B5%D1%89%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B8%D0%B5)

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(Leo Barmaleo, ibid.)

** RUSSIA. 810, R. Rossii-Primor'e, Jan 15 2010-2021, 43443, Russian, ID at 2010 and 2016, ID as "V efire Radio Rossii Primor'e", Music and talk, Local program from 2010 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Lucky you, in MW range, no SW (gh)

** RUSSIA. QSL: GTRK BURYATIA, Ulan Ude, 6195 kHz (13.8.2013), E-QSL (DOC) e foto sede stazione in 14 giorni. No RP. QTH: Ul. Erbanova 7 - Ulan Ude 670000. V/s: Lyudmila Moiseeva - Chief of Broadcasting Service. Inviati: rapporto bilingue inglese-russo e CD MP3 (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan 21, playdx yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. QSL: RWM, Moscow, 9996 kHz (14.10.2012), Cartolina QSL in 90 giorni. No RP. QTH: Russian State Time and Frequency Service - Institute of Metrology for Time and Space (IMVP) - GP "VNIIFTRI" ; - Moscow Region - Mendeleev 141570. Inviato CD MP3 (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan 21, playdx yg via DXLD)

4995, RWN (RWM?) Russia time station; 2142-2210+, 17-Jan; 1 second pips with ToM long pip to 2150 chatter but still with ToM long pip to 2200 continuous tone to 2208 then DA to 2209 code ID; back to 1 second pips at 2210. Definitely sending RWN; maybe the last dash of M was being chopped (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) Not 4996?? (gh)

** RUSSIA. Re: Adygeyskoye programm from Maykop - Republic of Adygea

Yes, I did record a MP3 File on Perseus rx in Italy yesterday Jan 20; I've got a signal peak of Adygea Radio Maykop on 6020 kHz, yesterday Jan 20, at 1728 UT, and could realize the same young lady song via online recording

<http://adygtv.ru/programs/radio-inoveshchanie/broadcasted/>

<http://adygtv.ru/radio/index.php?ID=10>

Transmission from Armavir Tbilisskaya shortwave center.

1700-1800 Mons/Tues, 1800-1900 Sundays, mixed probably Adygean, Arabic, and also - a third - Turkish language 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B,schel, Jan 21, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Samara Radiocenter photos --- The Russian Government decided to dismantle the Samara Radiocenter No 3 in order to release land for the construction of a football stadium for the FIFA World Cup in 2018. The destruction of the masts was done in mid-November.

Source: Bulgarian DX blog and web page:

<http://www.samara.rtrn.ru/news/21668/>

Google translation:

November 14 in Samara, on the territory of Radiocenter number 3, for the release of the land on which it is planned to build a stadium for the matches of the World Cup in 2018, began the dismantling of antenna towers, demolition of buildings and technical facilities. At the moment, for the operation of the radio center, carried dismantled equipment previously transferred to other facilities.

The Russian Government decided to allocate part of the released land

for the construction of a communication object. Within the framework of cooperation between the Government of the Samara region and RTRS decided to build a new television tower on a plot of 10 hectares. The new tower will be built on one of the highest "points" of the city, which is called "Sultanov hill".

New connection object will be equipped with the most modern equipment and replace the current antenna mast structures built decades ago.

http://translate.google.co.uk/translate?hl=en&sl=ru&u=http://www.samara.rtrn.ru/news/21668/&prev=/search?q%3Dhttp://www.samara.rtrn.ru/news/21668/%26rlz%3D1T4RNRN_enGB450GB460%26biw%3D1366%26bih%3D604
(via Mike Terry, Jan 21, dxldyg via DXLD)

RUSSIA: Samara #3 Disassembly [2] From one of our much valued members:- Here is another link with photos and even a short video clip:
<http://www.kp.ru/daily/26159.4/3046922/>
Thx :-) (via Ian Baxter, Jan 20, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Voice of Russia, "Radio VR", crash start, no ident signal, etc. at 1000 UT Saturday, January 18, 2014 9560 kHz. On with "Radio VR News", then "Redline". Overall poor. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. DAVID SATTER: WHY JOURNALISTS FRIGHTEN PUTIN -
WSJ.com Opinion

I may be barred from Russia, but I intend to keep writing about that troubled country. David Satter, Jan. 14, 2014 7:06 p.m. ET, London

The Russian decision to declare me persona non grata is more than an action against a single journalist. It is an admission that the system under President Vladimir Putin cannot tolerate free speech, even in the case of foreign correspondents.

Although their logic is hard to follow, all evidence suggests that the action against me was a high priority for the Russian authorities. No American correspondent has been expelled from Russia since the Cold War, and the action comes on the eve of the Sochi Olympics and follows steps by the regime to improve its image, including the freeing of such prisoners as former Yukos Oil Company head Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the members of the Pussy Riot punk rock band, and the crew of the Greenpeace vessel, Arctic Sunrise.

The action was also carried out in an unprecedented manner. During the Cold War, when U.S. correspondents were expelled, the Soviet authorities always offered a reason. Andrew Nagorski of Newsweek, for

example, was expelled in 1982 for "impersonating" a Soviet correspondent.

Russia's president Vladimir Putin during his annual press conference at Moscow's World Trade Centre. Zuma Press [caption]

In my case, the Russian authorities gave no reason. The statement read to me by a diplomat in the Russian Embassy in Kiev, where I was waiting for a Russian re-entry visa, said "competent organs," the usual term for the security services, had decided that my presence on the territory of the Russian Federation was undesirable. This is a formulation used in spy cases and implies that I was viewed not as an irritant but as a threat.

The authorities have reasons to view foreign journalists with unease. President Putin and a small group of his longtime cronies exercise not only unchallenged political power in Russia, they also control the country's most valuable economic assets. The system over which they preside is so corrupt that without the present high prices for oil and gas, it would face imminent collapse.

More important, the Putin system rests uneasily on unanswered questions from the past. According to the documentation of Yuri Savelyev, an expert on the physics of combustion who served on the official commission investigating the 2004 Beslan school massacre, the deaths of 334 hostages, most of them children, occurred after Russian forces stormed the gymnasium where the hostages were being held, using flamethrowers and grenade launchers. This attack, moreover, came one hour after agreement had been reached by local authorities in Beslan with a Chechen separatist leader to negotiate an end to the crisis.

Other questions that hang over the Putin regime are the fates of his murdered political opponents, Alexander Litvinenko, Anna Politkovskaya and Natalya Estemirova. But most important of all is the question of who was responsible for the 1999 apartment bombings in Russia that served as the pretext for Moscow's second war against the former Soviet republic of Chechnya. The bombings terrorized all of Russia, created a wave of patriotic fervor and swept the previously unknown Mr. Putin into the presidency. The Russian authorities blamed the bombings on Chechens, but when an unexploded bomb was discovered in the basement of one building, the terrorists were caught and proved to be agents of the Federal Security Service or FSB, a successor to the old KGB.

When I arrived in Moscow in early September my purpose was to write for and advise the Russian Service of Radio Liberty, the U.S.-funded surrogate radio service that defended freedom in the Soviet Union by reporting news and delivering other uncensored information throughout

the Cold War. I suggested expanding Radio Liberty's investigative reporting. This meant looking into corruption, Russia's biggest and most underreported story.

But investigative reporting by Radio Liberty also meant turning to the past and trying to clarify the historical record. During the Soviet Union's perestroika reform period of the 1980s, pro-democracy Russians sought to reveal the true history of Soviet rule. They understood that the falsification of history served no one but their oppressors. In the end, the partial restoration of historical truth in the Soviet Union led directly to the Communist regime's collapse.

Unfortunately, the Russia that emerged out of the exposure of Soviet crimes quickly began to add crimes of its own, which had to be concealed with the help of new falsification. In my 2003 book, "Darkness at Dawn: The Rise of the Russian Criminal State," I wrote about the 1999 apartment bombings in Russia, which claimed 300 lives. A new Russian-language version in 2013 with the title "How Putin Became President" became a best seller.

My purpose in going to Russia, however, was not to revisit the apartment bombings. The authorship of those explosions is the critical question of Russia's post-Soviet history; I presented evidence that the explosions were a provocation carried out by the FSB in my book and in 2007 testimony before the U.S. Congress.

Now, with the Sochi Olympics approaching, new terrorist acts are taking place that are candidates to join the long list of unexplained crimes. On Oct. 22, a Volgograd city bus was blown up, taking seven lives. The crime was quickly blamed on a female suicide bomber from Dagestan, Naida Asiyalova, and her common-law husband, Dmitri Sokolov, a Russian convert to Islam who allegedly outfitted Asiyalova with the bomb. Sokolov, however, had been in police custody, as the authorities themselves acknowledged, until shortly before the attack.

The outlines of the story follow a pattern in Russia of Islamists being freed from custody shortly before committing terrorist acts. In December, two more bombings struck Volgograd. Islamists in the region have sworn to disrupt the Sochi Games, but these episodes merit close scrutiny by the press.

I intend to keep writing about Russia. The rapid increase in living standards in the 2000s that persuaded Russians to ignore their lack of liberty is apparently a thing of the past. At the same time, Mr. Putin's attempt to treat Russia as a moral alternative to the West based on Russian Orthodoxy and homophobia is unlikely to succeed. The Russian leadership will either have to accede to public demands for the rule of law and a democratic choice or resort to ever greater

repression.

Under these circumstances, Russians need access to truthful information--which, given the censorship of Russian media, foreign sources are best able to provide. This is why the first expulsion of a U.S. correspondent is an ominous sign. It's a way of closing off hope for a freer life and an act against Russians' future and ours.

Mr. Satter is an adviser to Radio Liberty and senior fellow of the Hudson Institute. His books include "It Was a Long Time Ago, and It Never Happened Anyway: Russia and the Communist Past" (Yale, 2011) He has been writing and reporting from the Soviet Union and Russia for almost four decades (WSJ via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Help from a Russian speaker requested: I have an audio clip of Tula Radio, excerpted from a recent programme about the history of the station. The clip includes contemporary commentary before and after the "vintage" IS and ID, which may indicate the [approximate?] year it was recorded - could one of our Russian speakers help out with this? The clip can be found on the UNIDENTIFIED page on the Interval Signals Online website - <http://www.intervalsignals.net> - there's a page link in the top left-hand corner of the home page (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Jan 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi David, no mention of the year whatsoever, other than the year the programme itself was aired (2011). 'Vintage' ID ('good morning, comrades') must belong to the Soviet era. They also mentioned the Tula radio's 83th anniversary in 2011, but it doesn't really help. Best regards, (Leo Barmaleo, Moldova, ibid.)

Thanks very much for your help with Tula Radio, Leo. I researched that one of the announcers mentioned worked at the station 1953-1978, so from the style of choral music heard in the background I'd assume it was early in that period. It's a pity most of those Russian regional interval signals have disappeared now, either merged into a longer theme tune or dropped altogether (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Jan 20, ibid.)

** RUSSIA. From: "world@ruvr.ru" 01.20.14 10:22 AM

Dear Mr Ashar, Many thanks for your letter received today, we were happy to hear from you again after such a long time and know that you keep tuning in. Your reception report of January 18th is much appreciated and we gladly verify it by a QSL card which will be sent to you by regular mail.

As an attached file we are sending you our current frequency schedule. It is also available on the VORí web site at

http://voiceofrussia.com/radio_broadcast/frequencies/

Wishing you good listening and looking forward to hearing from you soon again. Sincerely yours, Elena Osipova, Letters Department, World Service, Voice of Russia

Attachment: 2014_Winter_FREQUENCY_SCHEDULE.doc (57 KB)
(Via Tony Ashar, Indonesia, Jan 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA [non]. Re: 17870, my unID African language at 1600-1630+ Sat
Jan 18: Ivo Ivanov says:

BELGIUM (non) New time and frequency of Alyx&Yeyi's Radio Inyabutatu:
1600-1700 17870 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg EaAf Kinyarawanda Sat from Jan 18
1700-1800 15310 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg EaAf Kinyarawanda Sat till Jan 11

That's the monarchist clandestine for Rwanda, which was originally on 17870 from inception in September until Dec 14, when Ivo reported it changed to 15310 at the same hour on Sats. Now it's gone back to 17870 but one hour earlier, always via FRANCE. The current but undated Alyx & Yeyi schedule, which refuses to disclose transmitter sites, at <http://www.airtime.org/shortwave/schedule.php> does show R. Inyabutatu Saturdays at 16-17 on 17870; And not to be confused with another 17870 client: Radio Xoriyo 1600-1630 17870 AM m---f-- Somali Africa (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. Radio Free Sarawak: WRN tells me Jan 16: 15420 is currently from Palauig, Philippines. They took a Christmas-NY break and resumed on Jan 6`` (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Presumably still at 1100-1230, rarely audible here (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

CLANDESTINE, 15420, R. Free Sarawak via Taiwan [sic], Jan 14, 1139-1202, 35443-35433 Iban, Talk, ID at 1200 and 1201.

CLANDESTINE: 15420, R. Free Sarawak via Taiwan [sic], Jan 21 1210-1220 25332, Iban, Talk, ID at 1216 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. Issue I have here is that the email of Radio Riyadh BSKSA (eng_at_saudiradio.net.sa) bounces, because the domain: saudiradio.net.sa is no longer used. Now the only existing site is the <http://www.sm.gov.sa/> that includes only radio & tv streams of BSKSA and no contact emails for reception reports. Any help or ideas???
Tnx 73 (George SV8GXC, Jan 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[later:] About the BSKSA radio riyadh....NO JOY AT THE END. After a pm from Mario I used the "saudi-radio_at_moci.gov.sa" and this time I had instead of "bounce" I had an "overflow" of the mail server... This is what I received

"Delivery has failed to these recipients or distribution lists:
saudi-radio @ moci.gov.sa The recipient's mailbox is full and can't accept messages now. Microsoft Exchange will not try to redeliver this message for you. Please try resending this message later, or contact the recipient directly."

That means that they don't even bother to read emails. TRUE ONE WAY COMMUNICATION with listeners. It seems the Radio Riyadh confirmation is a "lost war". (George, ibid.)

9715.0, Surprise, surprise - even frequency - usually some 20 Hertz lower side. Another transmitter unit here on non-direxional outlet to Middle East, 0622 UT Jan 17, HQ prayer also on 15379.974 kHz, S=9 at 0633 UT, \\ 17895.0 even powerhouse S=9+35 dB.

BSKSA Riyadh's 1st program in Arabic on both 17640 kHz, stronger on powerful S=9+40dB, and with less S=9+10dB strength on 17630 kHz.

15284.980, Swahili program in progress at 0628 UT Jan 17, female announcer on sidelobe at poor S=5 (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SEYCHELLES. QSL letter received from BBC Indian Ocean relay station at Seychelles confirming reception on 15420 KHz. Signed by Mr. Jose Tambara, senior engineer. According to Mr Tambara, BBC Seychelles will cease all operations as from end of March 2014.

<http://nickvk2dx.blogspot.com.au/2014/01/confirmation-country-15-seychelles-15420.html/>

73 (Nick Hacko VK2DX, Jan 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SINGAPORE. BBC QSL: see U K [non]

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 9545, SIBC, Jan 15 0700-0710, 35333-35232, Pidgin, News, ID at 0708 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SIBC warning for heavy rain - tropical depression --- 9545.0, SIBC. Jan 17. Honiara sunset at 0748 UT, so had never thought to tune in as early as 0515 UT, so was rather surprised to in fact hear them; noted with prominent het; started poor with improving signal up to fair except for that het. 0515 to 0530 with R. Australia programs; 0530 into local programs in Solomon Islands Pijin; series of

advertisements; pop Pacific Island songs; extensive warnings about approaching tropical depression with heavy rains and gave travel warnings in several languages; 0637 series of "messages" in several languages; warning people about scheduled power outage and warning of heavy rains, followed by more ads. Enjoyable listening except for the het. Over five minutes of audio at <https://app.box.com/s/va9icbngffojuimmr5x7>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ron - early today I was playing with my Tecsun portable radio, listening to R Aust. As soon as they've mentioned possibility of cyclone over Solomons, I told to myself: I bet Ron is going to tune in looking for SIBC! I remember you tuning into Andaman Island AIR month or so ago when they had tsunami warning. I also noticed you are using Eton E1. I am looking for a 'nostalgia type' portable radio, tossing between E1 and Sony ICF - 2010. Have a good one, (Nick VK2DX Hacko, ibid.)

9545, SIBC, Jan 17 0658-0709, 35433-35443, Pidgin, Music and news, ID at 0659 and 0701 and 0705, IS at 0700 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satelllite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9545, SIBC, 0625-0725, Jan 18. BBCWS program; 0630 into local programs; advertisements ("The Captain is the ultimate reward at the end of a hard working day. Premium quality, reserve blend of whiskey. Try the new Captain Jack today. Another quality product from Solbrew. Drink responsibly," Bowmans hardware, "The Solomon Islands 100% owned company," etc.); 0700 news/weather in English; "tropical disturbance alert for Solomon Islands has been cancelled following Cyclone June moving away from the country."

Another day of hearing the persistent het; very good signal strength and very readable. Over three minute audio at <https://app.box.com/s/w287eq8ppdkwopvndx7f>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9545, 18/Jan 0818-0900, Salomon Islands BC in English. Music with accentuated sound of drums. At 0823 OM talk, At 0826 pop music. At 0829 OM talk. At 0832 sudden improvement of the signal. At 0844 the signal begins to degrade. Until 0859 OM goes on talking. Weak signal. At 0900 strong QRM from CNR1 jammer on 9540. (Jorge Freitas-B) Note the improved of signal from the 08:00 minute of the recording: <http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006/29734751>
73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jan 20 continues with decent reception of SIBC on 9545. BBCWS till 0630; into local program in Solomon Pijin with religious songs (is Sunday!); 0700 UT (their 6PM news) with news/weather/shipping info in English. Announced that at "seven" (0800 UT) would have the news in Pijin. Nice to have no adjacent QRM at this time period. After three days on checking, clearly the best time for me to hear them. 0700 audio at <https://app.box.com/s/0ksgh25mptgmay38hd29> (Ron Howard, California, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9545, SIBC - The Voice of the Nation. From my location in San Francisco, mostly fair reception for a solid four hours on Jan 20 from 0700 till start of ACI at 1058. With my recent very readable reception of this and their interesting local programs, this has quickly become my favorite station. A few highlights:

Many advertisements: "Bowmans" hardware, "Advanced Technologies Limited," "South Pacific Oil Limited," "Blazing Bundles - best value for voice, SMS and data," "Oxford Farms beef," etc. and promos for SIBC. Many IDs: "S-I-B-C, the Voice of the Nation."

0701 - Local news/weather/shipping info in English ("Japan's ambassador to Solomon Island asked the government to settle issues with the Port Authority for the improvement of Honiara International wharf as soon as possible," local crime story, heavy rain alert cancelled, etc.). Five minutes recording at <https://app.box.com/s/w8sgqek26wrwc6040too>

0731 - "Service messages" in two languages with death notices and schedule of stops for loading and unloading of passengers and cargo from ships.

0801 - In Solomon Pijin with repeat of the 0701 news.

0836 - "Services messages" in two languages; death notices; important staff meeting tomorrow at King George V (or VI?) school; school fees; shipping schedule; etc.

0857 - "Bible reading" in Solomon Pijin.

0900 - "University of the South Pacific radio program" in English explaining about online registration and the process for students to register, etc.

1021 - In Pijin with "News and Current Affairs," about legal issues, immigration and the Australian courts.

1045 - "This is S-I-B-C, the Voice of the Nation"; religious sermon in English "brought to you by Derek Prince Ministries South Pacific and Christian Super Store" (New Zealand), till 1057. Four minute audio at <https://app.box.com/s/oljeyeuy8haa113mmgjj>

As to not over-report SIBC, this will be my last log of them for a while (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9545, SIBC, Jan 22 0652-0704, 35433, Pidgin, Music and talk, IS and ID at 0700, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. 7120, SOMALIA, Radio Hargeisa, 0329:30 Jan 17, carrier on, :45 military band music, 0331 man with announcements in presumed Somali and into Islamic prayer, 0335 possibly news. Fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7120, Radio Hargeisa, 1526, Jan 17. Assume in Somali with clear ID; HOA music; fair-good. Clear audio of ID at <https://app.box.com/s/j8jcqwiabtavxm4iv8b8> (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [and non]. Question re: the 9955 entries at 07-11 from T8WH and WHRI -- is there any possibility of someone somewhere (like, perhaps, in Brazil) receiving BOTH these signals from TOM (which may lead to each signal interfering with each other to the delay from A to B)? Seems unlikely given that the T8WH signal would have to virtually circumnavigate the globe to get to Central America (crossing Africa on the way), but on a good night, stranger things have probably happened. Just a thought, since why would BS (or anyone, for that matter) want to use the same frequency for two broadcasts at the same time (Shawn Fahrer, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Because they're stupid, don't understand how SW works, or incompetent in frequency management. Of course there will be places where they clash with each other, in a worldwide medium. There is no excuse for this, with unoccupied channels available. The 9955 conflict at 07-11 is not between T8WH and WHRI, but between T8WH and WRMI (called HBN and YFR in Ivo's schedules). You might also ask this of the Radio Africa Network on 15190 in December (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See USA: WRMI. Also see Overcomer homepage

<http://www.overcomerministry.org/>

where SW info is hopelessly incomplete and inaccurate, but notice the boneyard including a skull labeled Bro. Stair in the lower right.

Here's a blowup of it:

<http://www.overcomerministry.org/files/Download/AfterSisAnnLandry.jpg>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9955, WRMI, Radio Miami Int'l (p); 2142, 13-Jan; B.S. with this pearl of wisdom; "What is harvest time -- the time of the harvest", truly in-depth ecclesiastic analysis. 2145 B.S. interrupted the program to ask me to tell him what frequency I was listening to by calling or e-mailing. S30 with minor buzz-pulse jammer splash, centering on 9965. // 9930 WTWW Lebanon TN (presumed) with S20 sig. Better at 2202 with more B.S. SI0=3+53-; // 9955, SI0=4+54 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9505, Jan 16 at 2200, WHRI going from 'Onward Christian Soldiers' theme to Brother Scare, an additional transmission to the initial schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TOM prayer program, carrier visible on 5109.747 kHz, and upper sideband mode portion on 5109.875 to 5111.100 kHz range. S=7-8 here in Germany. [WBCQ] Sermon of Daniel and forgiveness at 0550 UT Jan 17.

And nearby same TOM content on 5085 kHz even frequency [WTWW], also S=8. TOM addresses given at 0559 UT. 7570 another TOM [WRMI] on poor S=5 strength at 0615 UT Jan 17 (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PALAU/USA, TOM on both co-channel 9955 kHz, RMI Okeechobee and T8WH Palau, at 0925 UT Jan 18. Listen. 73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel with a clip, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9495, Jan 19 at 0637, Brother Scare via WRMI and // much stronger 9840, but nothing audible on third scheduled 31m channel, 9955; hard to believe it's even on the air at the moment (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Wrong or new frequency for Brother Stair TOM in English on Jan. 20: 0700-0800 NF 7520 HRI 250 kW / 245 deg to AUS, ex 11565 via WHRI Angel 2. Strong in Sofia, please check next transmission 0800-0900 on 7520 or 11565

WHRI Angel 2: Rather 7520 / 047 deg to WeEu, scheduled 0300-0400 English/Russian on Sat! -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria,

Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

TOM heard this morning Jan 20 on another 7520 kHz outlet, but not on 11565 kHz to AUS, so seemingly HRI 250 Kw powerhouse moved to 7520 kHz now, at least traced at 06-08 UT.

9955 kHz is a terrible echo program mixture from both RMI Florida and T8WH Palau. This selection is a very bad and unfortunate decision.

Checked on remote SDR units in Moscow, Ukraine, Germany, NY, MA, FL, Alb-CAN, and downunder in Australia.

0700-0800 3185 WRB 045 deg ENAm S=9+10
0700-0800 3215 WCR 046 deg WeEu S=9+10, S=7 in GER
0700-0800 5085 TWW 180 deg SoAm S=9+10, S=8 in GER
0700-0800 5110vBCQ 245 deg ENAm CUSB S=7-8, S=6 in GER
exact carrier 5109.749 kHz
0700-0800 5890 WCR 090 deg ENAm S=9+20, S=7 in GER
0700-0800 7490 BCQ 245 deg ENAm S=7, S=4-5 in GER
0700-0800 7570 RMI 315 deg WNAm S=9+15, S=5 in GER
0700-0800 9495 RMI 181 deg CARR S=7, S=4 in GER
0700-0800 9840 RMI 087 deg NCAf S=9+10, S=9+10 in GER
0700-0800 9930 HBN 318 deg EaAs T8WH S=7-8, S=5 in GER
0700-0800 9955 HBN 345 deg NEAs T8WH S6-7 fluttery, S=4-5 in GER
9955 RMI 160 deg CeAm

0700-0800 11565 HRI 245 deg AUS not noted today Jan 20.
but probably HRI 250 kW unit used to be at EURwards
0700-0800 7520 HRI 047 deg EUR S=9+10, S=9+35 in GER
(Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

Changes of Brother Stair TOM and WHRI programs from Jan. 20:
Brother Stair TOM, please check 1000-1200 broadcast today
0600-0800 7520 HRI 250 kW / 047 deg WeEu via WHRI Angel 2 additional
0700-0800 11565 HRI 250 kW / 245 deg AUS via WHRI Angel 2, cancelled
1000-1200 11565 HRI 250 kW / 245 deg AUS via WHRI Angel 2 additional
WHRI Angel 2 programs
0800-0900 11565 HRI 250 kW / 245 deg AUS English Mon-Fri unchanged
WHRI Angel 1 programs
0900-1000 11565 HRI 250 kW / 245 deg AUS English Sun, ex 0900-1100
(Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7520, Jan 20 at 0625, here's Brother Scare on yet another frequency, much weaker than 7570 WRMI, and about equally fair to 7490v WBCQ. Running about 4 wacky words behind 7570, but way off synch from 7490, uncomputed.

Still on numerous lower frequencies: 3185 WWRB, 3215 WWCR, 5085 WTTW,

5110 WBCQ JBA, 5890 WWCRC. But not audible/no propagation on 9 MHz WRMI's, 9495, 9840, while 9955 is the OSOB with jamming, both pulses and wall; let alone anything on higher bands.

Ivo Ivanov and Wolfgang B. schel were also hearing the BS on 7520. They assume it's WHRI A2 replacing unheard 11565. 7520 goes off at 0800, as well as WRMI 9840. They both conclude that 7520 is ex-11565 at 06-08, which was 245 degrees to Australia.

9930, Jan 20 at 1526, BS is relatively weak here compared to WTWW on blasting 9475 & 12105, and also weaker compared to 9955 WRMI and 9980 WWCRC. So at this time is 9930 really WTWW, or is it off?

BS is in fact also scheduled from another station on 9930:
1500-1800 9930 HBN 100 kW / 318 deg EaAs English Brother Stair per Ivo Ivanov as of Jan 11 & 14, which may be ancient news by now with their frequent changes. Sure to produce a long delayed/echo in some parts, not here since WTWW is so blasting when on. Ivo timed it Jan 11: T8WH PALAU, nine seconds behind WTWW.

As for 9955, BS via WRMI, Jan 20 at 1526, it's atop but with considerable CCI in Chinese, i.e. CNR1 jamming; HFCC as of Jan 8 and Aoki as of today show IBB in Tibetan via Tinian 15-16 on Tuesdays & Thursdays only --- but this is Monday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9930, Jan 21 at 1513, WTWW-2 is back on with very strong BS as he is talking about all the US SW stations he's on and plans to be on FM in Jerusalem. Also underneath hearing a very weak unsynchronized talker, probably BS too via T8WH PALAU where he's also scheduled. Seems to stay there, even with max attenuation to minimize possibility of overload crosstalk from 9980 WWCRC, or even 9955 WRMI, also with unsynchronized BS.

George McClintock explains why WTWW-2 was off for a while: ``Bad part (HC2000H) that prevented the #2 transmitter (Brother Stair) from tuning to the 2 different frequencies. Part replaced with gray color RCA HC2000H. George McClintock, WTWW, Jan 20, 2014``. He continues to accumulate even more backup parts for all three transmitters.

9370, Jan 22 at 1441, open carrier/dead air from BS via WWRB; or maybe it's just barely modulated as I am hearing something there, or CCI or crosstalk. Back on at 1456 check. ``Fortunately`` there is plenty of BS redundancy tnx to WRMI, WTWW and WWCRC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [and non]. 11780.0, UT Tue at 0114, REE is on now with a LAH against 11780.1 BRAZIL, caused by weekly Sephardic service about to

start; can't make out any IS as REE is quite weak by comparison; after 0115 some talk under the RNA music is detectable. Meanwhile alternate 11795 goes unoccupied.

9605, Jan 21 at 2050, pop music, poor-fair, what's this? 2051 French announcement mentioning the Spanish apellido Hernandez, jogging my memory that REE is scheduled this hour in French M-F. And // much weaker 9570. Nothing on 9665, where I heard this service by mistake recently. 9605 is 110 degrees from Noblejas per Aoki, while 9570 is 168, both at the odd rated power of 350 kW.

BTW, Noblejas is the **only** site in the entire Aoki list with such a power level (and not applying to all their transmitters, either.) What about HFCC? The **only** listing anywhere with 350 kW power is China via Spain 9690 at 0200-0400, while the three other 9 MHz channels above are listed as only 250. WRTH says Noblejas now counts upon 6 x 250 kW transmitters. Period. 9690 certainly puts out bigsigns to N America, but anyone's guess whether they are somehow punched up to 350 kW (or less than 2 x 250?).

This historical site <http://www.swcountry.be/e.html> shows for Noblejas there were six Thomson TRE2330s of 350 kW each installed in 1971, two of which are apparently no longer in service.
2 350 THO TRE2330 1971§ Ü
4 350 THO TRE2330 1971§

There is no key to meaning of the symbols. Besides 8 newer 250-kW units, if any of the 350s are really still in use, perhaps they are powered down to only 250 accounting for such registrations (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, Jan 18 at 0114, SLBC with open carrier; music starts at 0114:50, 3-pip timesignal 11 seconds late to 0115:11; sign-on in Hindi with modulation suppressed and distorted; maybe was bad recording as at 0133 check now the modulation is OK on music and announcement. Good signal with flutter.

11905, Jan 21 at 0116, SLBC with S Asian vocal music, good with flutter; despite virtual absence of India on 11985 & 11740 today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 9505, Voice of Africa; 1846-1912+, 18-Jan; M in unknown language with IDs & many mentions of Africa; also wide variety of music, most cut short. SI0=343- before ToH then 3+53; presume due to TWR on 9500 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. MOLDOVA: 9940, Radio Miraya; 0431-0501+, 18-Jan; M in LL [unknown language] with Afro music; ID at 0500 pronounced as Mar-eeeya. SIO=2+33- with QRM from pulsing buzzer QRM on 9955 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. QSL: Regno Unito, SUDAN RADIO SERVICE, Woofferton, 17745 kHz (25.8.2013), E-QSL (PDF) in 1 giorno. E-rpt con MP3 inviato a: srs@sudanradio.org e srs@edc.org V/s: Angela Wangechi.

UAE, SUDAN RADIO SERVICE, Dhabbaya, 13720 kHz (24.8.2013), E-QSL (PDF) in 1 giorno. E-rpt con MP3 inviato a: srs@sudanradio.org e srs@edc.org. V/s: Angela Wangechi (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan 21, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. CLANDESTINE, 15549.96, R. Tamazuji via UAE, Jan 17 0420-0430*, 33443, Arabic, Talk, ID at 0422 and 0427 and 0428.

CLANDESTINE, 15549.96, R. Dabanga via UAE, Jan 17 *0430-0440, 32442-33443, Arabic, ID at 0430, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT, 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [and non]. 15535, Jan 22 at 1458, good open carrier, with 1 kHz tone jammer barely audible; 1459 sign-on from R. Tamazuji via VATICAN, considerable flutter but way over the jamming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAME. No audio at all, on various remote units worldwide, somewhat under threshold on footprint exact 4989.988 kHz at 1005 UT. 73 (Wolfgang B. schel, Jan 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. VIDEO FILM MOTALA LONG WAVE JULY 2012
INFO tnx Christian Stodberg Sweden via Skywaves MW DX Group

Hi! A home made film from my visit at Motala long wave transmitter in July last year. It was in use between 1961 and 1991. Today it's a private museum. Sorry for the bit shaky quality and no subs, Swedish language only.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSLa48GWLco>

73's de Chris

SEE ALSO THIS VERY INTERESTING REPORT :

http://www.radioheritage.net/europe/profile_motala227.htm

(via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 6030, OPPOSITION. Sound of Hope via Taiwan heard at 1355

GMT on 1/16/14, talks in Mandarin by a woman. Chimes and ID at 1359, off at 1400. Fair (Bob Brossell, Pewaukee WI, JRC NRD-545; Eton E1; Sony ICF SW77, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 19 via DXLD)

No CNR1 jamming? Are you sure it wasn't jamming instead? (gh, DXLD)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 6280, Sound of Hope (list log); 2304, 17-Jan; 2 Chinese here, about equal; presume one is Sound of Hope via Taiwan & other CNR China (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: Clandestine, SOUND OF HOPE RADIO NETWORK, Yangi Yu1 [TAJIKISTAN site, not specified?] 7625 kHz (17.4.2012), Cartolina QSL in 260 giorni. RP: 1\$. QTH: Sound of Hope Radio Network Inc. - 6-4 - Lane 84 - GuoTai Street - North District - Taichung 404 (Taiwan). Inviato CD MP3. Il rapporto spedito al P. O. Box 70456 - Sunnyvale CA 94086 (USA) era tornato indietro (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan 21, playdx yg via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. 7730, Jan 19 at 0350, RTI Spanish test relay via WRMI to evaluate response, whether it's worth resuming relay via Okeechobee. Azimuth unknown, but publicized as for Mexico, Central America, Caribbean. Presumably to the west or WSW, fair signal here but nearly 100% readable, *much* weaker than WRMI BS on 7570. One more test at 03-04 UT Jan 20, and there are hints they may also test in English to North America later (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EEUU, 7730, 0300, escuchada transmisi n de prueba relay desde emisor en USA de WRMI, noticias y el programa de variedades de Lily Chou acompa ado de m sica, se al d bil y con mucho ruido audible con dificultad, sin interferencias, SINPO: 25333, se adjunta reporte de escucha desde Norteam rica de G. Hauser (H ctor Fr as, Chile, radioescutas yg Jan 19 via DXLD)

7730, ESTADOS UNIDOS, Okeechobee. "Radio Taiwan Internacional", 0303 UT 20/01. Empieza prueba de RTI con programa en espa ol y noticias. Buena se al pero ruido a veces no permite una  ptima escucha: SINPO: 45334 (Marcos Cox, Vicu a, Chile, Receptor: DEGEN DE1103; Antena: Cable largo 3 Metros, condiglista yg via DXLD)

[7730] RTI, 19/01 0301 UT. Test v a WRMI, USA. Identificaci n de WRMI en espa ol y luego identificaci n de RTI, para pasar a un resumen semanal de noticias con acento en el comercio exterior, asuntos acad micos y viajes del presidente. A las 0311 se da un pron stico y comienza un programa sobre el desarrollo del deporte hasta las 0320, cuando comienza el programa iel cartero  con lectura, por parte de dos

locutoras de cartas de oyentes.

A las 0328 hacen una pequeña pausa, dando aviso de la transmisión test en 7730 desde las 03 a 04 UTC, dando incluso el horario de México. Cabe notar que los oyentes en sus cartas hacen Énfasis en las potencias de las emisiones por onda corta. Desde las 0335 se comienza a hablar de la empresa y la organización de actividades como comidas para el año nuevo chino.

Desde las 0307 aproximadamente, se escuchan unos radioham hablando o unas transmisiones de datos esporádicas en modo USB y/o AM. Cabe destacar que la frecuencia está bien centrada en 7730. SINPO: 44343

7730, RTI, 20/01 0346 UT. Test, via WRMI. Parte final del programa ¡El cartero!, siendo una repetición del programa del día anterior, en donde dos mujeres hablan del año nuevo chino y las diferentes celebraciones para aquel día. A las 0358 se dan las frecuencias, la dirección postal y electrónica de la estación. SINPO: 43343 con una transmisión de datos de fondo (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros. QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. Victor Goonetilleke writes on Facebook: As PCJ Sunday HF Happy Station Takes a Break, we have issued the 500th QSL for reception reports to one of our very faithful listeners from Indonesia Eddy Satiawan. All outstanding reports have been answered and we have cleared decks. If you are waiting for a QSL for an e-mail report still, which we have not received for whatever reason, please resubmit your report to:

Keith Perron <pcjqsl @ pcjmedia.com>

Answering reports and preparing QSL cards have been a tedious effort, but we have done it happily in appreciation of your efforts to help us to improve our service. Your reports have helped us to stay heard. 73 Victor Goonetilleke, Frequency/QSL Manager (via Mike Terry, Jan 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

QSLs: Separate Xmas and NY design pdf QSLs from PCJ Radio International specials via WRMI 11880, Dec 22 & 29 at 1330-1430, received Jan 19 from v/s Victor Goonetilleke. After follow-up since I had sent my original report to his own e-mail address instead of pcjqsl@pcjmedia.com

Now added to my gallery at

<http://www.worldofradio.com/QSL.html>

or directly at:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/PCJWRMI1.pdf>

<http://www.w4uvh.net/PCJWRMI2.pdf>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765.053, Tajik Radio first national channel from Dushanbe Yangi Yul, S=7-8 at 1737 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, log on Ceylon [sic] island, Jan 18 at 17-18 UT slot using Victor Goonetilleke's Perseus remote receiver, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4765.07, Tajik R., Jan 22 1356-1410, 35443, Tajik, Talk and music, ID at 1406 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TATARSTAN [non]. Perhaps I overlooked the information, but were the Tatarstan Wave broadcasts included in the recent domestic SW cuts in Russia? I've been checking 11790 at 0410 the past few evenings and haven't heard anything. Of course reception had been difficult on the B-13 frequency, unlike the often decent signal on 15110 during A-13 (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, Jan 15, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Three broadcasts of Tatarstan Radio Kazan relay via SW survived the decommissioning orgy at Russian radio scene. Heard on both 9895 kHz 0610-0700 UT and 12095 kHz at 0810-0900 UT with S=9+30dBm signal in Germany (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10)

11790, 0410 UT is too early for German pensionists --- though. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, Jan 16, ibid.)

Thanks for the info! The Tatarstan broadcasts always have an interesting selection of music. Once heard "Amazing Grace" sung in Tatar! Reception at my QTH should be better in A-14 assuming TW uses 19 meters again (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1705)

See also YEMEN heard playing ``Amazing Grace``. Perhaps these Moslems don't realize what a profoundly Christian tune it is (gh, DXLD)

Transmissions on 9895 and 11790 kHz have been discontinued this week, only 12095 kHz via Armavir left (Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine, Jan 18, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thank you, Aleksandr. I was wondering about Adygeyskoye radio programme, has it been suspended too? 73 (Andy Lawendel, ibid.)

I haven't checked it this year yet (Aleksandr Diadischev, Jan 18, ibid.)

12095, 20/1, 0843, R. Tartastan Wave, Armavir, Mx, TT, 44434. 73 da (Nino Marabello, QTH Treviso, Italia, RX: SONY ICF SW7600G, Ant.: VHF

esterna azimuth 230 gradi, bclnews.it yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

RUSSIA, 11790 [not] thanks to Aleksandr! R Tatarstan Kazan at 0410-0500 UT noted still on 10th - but not today 19th anymore, now R Rossii via VGTRK / RTRS ceased service from Novosibirsk also (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 6676-USB, Bangkok Volmet, 1210 temp and weather conditions 18 Jan (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 13745, R. Thailand, 0056-0100+ 11 Jan. "Radio Thailand Weather Flash" with temps for Northern Thailand (31/16C), Southern Thailand (34/19C), and Central Thailand/Bangkok (33/16C), ID with hotmail web address, phone #, Twitter acct. info, a quick "mind the traffic, enjoy the rest of your Saturday", some aphorisms, a zippy sounder and carrier off for 5 seconds, then OC, 3+1 pips, bells and "the time is now 8AM in Thailand.", (presumed) NA, more bells/gongs and opening Thai language program (Dan Sheedy, Swami's Beach, CA, G5/6m X wire via Bob Wilkner, DXLD)

9535, HSK9, Radio Thailand; 2035-2046+, 16-Jan; English "Radio Thailand News" with Thai & world (mayhem) news. ID spot at 2044+ and abruptly off in mid-spot at 2044:30. OC off for 14 seconds and back up with chimes IS into presume listed Thai at 2045:37. SI0=3+53 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9965, HSK9 Radio Thailand; 1943, 17-Jan; Radio Thailand News & Sports News -- Aussie Open tennis being played in 40 deg C. SI0=3+43 beating out pulsing buzzer also on 9965.

9390, HSK9 Radio Thailand; 1241-1250+, 19-Jan; English "National News" to 1247+ TC, "The time is 7:13"; 1248 Bangkok Airways ad, "The boutique airline" and investment/tourism spot, "Thailand Paradise". SI0=3+53 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9390, Jan 20 at 1359, HSK9 ID in English from the PRD in BKK; carrier cut for antenna switch from 54 to 132 degrees, comes back on shortly and finally stays on after five dropoffs, but much weaker and unreadable now for the fully English semi-hour. I was wondering whether it would diffuse more IDs looping like the last time I tried to hear it, instead of programming, due to strife? 54 was in Thai

toward Japan and much more favorable for us than 132 toward Australia
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 13860, Jan 19 at 0116 tone of about 1 kHz, and off.
Probably VOA Radio Ashna testing before 0130 broadcast via Udon Thani
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. 15548, 18/1 1215, Voice of Tibet - Dharamsala, Chinese
talk YL, buono; http://www.vot.org/?page_id=12
(Roberto Pavanello, Italy, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)
Site: TAJIKISTAN; any jamming?

15520, Jan 21 at 1406, CNR1 jammer is atop V. of Tibet via MADAGASCAR,
also audible. By 1407, VOT has shifted to 15515 leaving the jammer
behind; by 1427 recheck, both have faded way down but still separate
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TONGA [and non]. I spent a lot of time in December parked on 92.1
in the perhaps vain hope that I might hear American Samoa. The
undoubted highlight of an otherwise disappointing FM DX season was a
great opening to Tonga for about 3 hours on 11 December. Having heard
one station previously on 88.6, this time I heard 6 new stations
including unlisted China Radio International's Tongan relay on 92.1.
One has QSLed so far ñ 89.5 FM Broadcom ñ for my 6th FM country
verified.

11 December Major Pacific FM opening starting with BBC World Service
88.2 from Fiji at 0241; Hindi on 90.6, 92.0 // 92.2, Fijian lang 92.8
// 93.0 and 93.4 over Auckland, 93.8 fair over ðThe Soundí // 93.6
weak, 95.2 // 95.4 and 95.6, UNID on 95.8, 97.8 vgd // 97.6, 96.0 vgd
// 96.2 good and 96.6 weak, 98.4 // 98.6 over NZL, Gold FM 100.0 //
100.2 and 100.4 mixing RNZ Concert, 100.8 UNID Hindi over Radio Live
// 101.0 over RNZ National, 102.4 // 102.6, 102.8 and 103.0, 103.2 at
0255 UTC // 103.4 over NZL and 103.8 mixed, 104.2 Christian drama
mixing CRI Auckland, 104.8 // 105.0, 89.4 UNID mixing 1ZB from 0303
past 0503 ñ tentative report send to USP Suva, 93.8 EE commercials for
Jacks of Fiji, 104.2 Radio Light w/Adventures in Odyssey at 0358. BBC
Suva 88.2 still around at 0441. Fiji 93.0 splashing Tonga 93.1 at
0443. Hindi 90.6 at 0503, 93.8, 100.4 on news // 100.2 and 100.0.

Tongan opening from 0418 when first noted Radio Nukualofa 88.6 mixing
Mai FM Auckland, others in clear on 89.1, 89.5, 93.1 UCB on religious
talks and prayers, Radio Australia Tonga relay 103.0 at 0431, 90.0
Tongan religious msg over NZL ñ followed past 0530, China Radio
International from Nuku'alofa with Chinese/English language lesson,
quiz and email address 0455 till 0500 when Fijians on 92.0 and 92.2
overwhelmed it, 89.5 back at 0542, aso CRI 92.1 and 89.1 w/commercials
past 0606, UCB 93.1 at 0611 and followed till finally lost at 0710,

89.5 at 0634 till 0703. RA 103.0 on news at 0703, CRI 92.1 on news also at this time.

Fiji noted back again at 2246 UTC ñ BBC 88.2 fair on peaks, 92.0 // 92.2, 92.8 // 93.0, Hindi on 97.6 // 97.8 at 2250, Gold FM 100.0 // 100.2 poor at 2252 but very good soon after, other Fijians on 101.0, 102.6 // 102.8, 103.8 // 104.0 at 2300 UT (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

Nice; to evaluate FM DX one needs to know the distance! This calculator is very useful if you don't want to fool with exact transmitter coordinates, but city-to-city; I've rarely found it to fail even with small place names:
<http://www.distancefromto.net/>

Mangawhai to Nukualofa: 1207 statute miles = 1942 km. 1200 miles is just about ideal single-hop Es distance, so should not be that unusual to his north end of NZ. And Mangawhai to Suva: 1266 statute miles = 2038 km (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. 9610, Voice of Turkey: *2130, 16-Jan; OC up at 2127:17; IS on at 2127:26. English s/on with ID, sked into VoT news. SIO=343- with splash from CRI via Kashi in English with "Roundtable" on "EZ FM". I would have guessed this from Cuba based on sig quality (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) Which one?

** TURKEY [and non]. 6000, Jan 21 at 0000, an accurate timesignal completes just before RHC English carrier cut on, and 12 seconds late under the carrier, another timesignal is audible. Previous experience is that TRT timesigs are accurate, but the other station would likely be CNR1 just signing off at 0100 from Beijing 572 site, also unlikely to be that far offtime. TRT is just opening a 2-hour Turkish broadcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. TURKISH STATE TV TO BEGIN TEST BROADCASTS OF TRT ENGLISH IN 2014 | Text of report in English by the Turkish state-funded news agency Anadolu (also known as Anatolia) website on 17 January

The state-run Turkish Radio and Television Association (TRT) deputy director Ibrahim Eren said TRT English channel will launch its test broadcast in 2014, adding, "this channel will broadcast news of Turkey and international news concerning Africa, the Middle East, South East Asia, Russia and Eurasia with our own perspective unlike Al-Jazeera, BBC and CNN."

Eren told AA [Anadolu Agency] that many international news networks in

the world are US and Europe-based with Al-Jazeera being based in the Middle East. However Turkey is unique being strategically part of Europe and Middle East, and has political and cultural similarities with both.

Eren explained that the channel aims to give a comprehensive Turkish viewpoint on the world's leading issues and not merely facilitate Turkey in the promotion of tourism.

The deputy director said TRT with its many representatives across the world similar to AA and the Turkish Directorate General of Press and Information will allow for cooperation between TRT officials and AA's representatives abroad.

Eren elaborated that they would enrich TRT English's broadcast network with news packages and qualified correspondents including native speakers of English. TRT are in receipt of proposals for consultancy services from international companies such as Al-Jazeera and the BBC and proposals from others which are under consideration.

Underlining that the BBC, CNN and Al-Jazeera are prominent news networks in the world and that their news streams are similar, Eren said, "TRT will have a similar news stream as well, but will be different in terms of content with the news from North Africa, the Middle East, East Europe and Asia, Europe and America."

"Our target is to launch a channel which will relate to Turkey's political and economic situation," he added. Source: Anadolu news agency website, Ankara, in English 17 Jan 14 (via BBCM via DXLD)

IIRC, CNN has a specific channel for Turkey (gh, DXLD)

** TURKMENISTAN [non]. 12025, Jan 16 at 1437, speech in uncertain language, poor level. Aoki shows it's R. Liberty in Turkmen at 14-16, 100 kW, 75 degrees from Biblis, GERMANY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. Winter B-13 schedule of Radio Dniprovska Hvylya (time vary): 0700-0900 on 11980.1 ZPR 0.3 kW / non-dir to UKR Ukrainian Sat/Sun USB (Ivo Ivanov, via Jonathan Short, China, Jan 17, dxldyg via DXLD)

[Sat 18 Jan: probably means Sun 19 according to previous log times]: 11980, Dniprovska Biyla [sic], 0903 news in seems Russian (mentions of BLR. UKR) with short music breaks in between. Marginal mixed with another very poor carrier (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** UKRAINE. THE SITUATION AT RADIO UKRAINE INTERNATIONAL ONLINE**

I've been closely monitoring Radio Ukraine International Online English language service. My impression after this intensive study is that the journalists are working under duress from President Yanukovich's government. However they are cleverly presenting an alternative viewpoint e.g. this evening they quoted Senator John Kerry slamming Yanukovich for ramming through parliament a raft of anti democratic measures. They get points across without expressing their personal opinions.

I have also noted that they have repeated the same mailbox programme three Saturdays in a row. Maybe their postbag would not make pleasant listening for the Ukrainian government. Brave journalists doing their best in difficult circumstances is my impression. Yours sincerely,
(Reggie Strummer, UK ~ BDXC member, Jan 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks for the observation. I believe it was standard procedure back on SW to repeat the mailbags and other programs, or rather one new one and then one older repeat, etc., wasn't it? (Glenn to Reggie, ibid.)

Now mailbag has repeated for four weeks (Strummer, ibid.)

**** U K. BBC World TV's Komla Dumor dies**
18 January 2014 Last updated at 16:13 ET
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-25796151>

[sidebars:] Mike Wooldridge pays tribute to Komla Dumor's ''infectious sense of humour''

Komla Dumor's wide-ranging career Watch
Tributes to Komla Dumor
Komla Dumor: 2013 highs and lows

BBC TV presenter Komla Dumor has died suddenly at his home in London at the age of 41, it has been announced. Ghana-born Dumor was a presenter for BBC World News and its Focus on Africa programme. One of Ghana's best-known journalists, he joined the BBC as a radio broadcaster in 2006 after a decade of journalism in Ghana.

Ghanaian President John Dramani Mahama said on Twitter that his country had lost one of its finest ambassadors. BBC Global News Director Peter Horrocks called Dumor a leading light of African journalism who would be deeply missed.

iOne of the emerging African faces of global broadcastingî
New African magazine November 2013 [caption]

He was "committed to telling the story of Africa as it really is," Mr Horrocks said in a statement. "Africa's energy and enthusiasm seemed to shine through every story Komla told". "Komla's many friends and colleagues across Africa and the world will be as devastated as we are by this shocking news."

The BBC understands he had suffered a heart attack.

Komla Dumor featured in New African magazine's November 2013 list of 100 most influential Africans. It said he had "established himself as one of the emerging African faces of global broadcasting", who had "considerable influence on how the continent is covered". . .

[. . .] He won the Ghana Journalist of the Year award in 2003 and joined the BBC three years later. From then until 2009 he hosted Network Africa for BBC World Service radio, before joining The World Today programme. . . (via Andrew O'Brien, dxldyg via DXLD)

He reminds me of the very deep-voiced guy who sometimes does the newscasts on BBCWS radio, but apparently not the same, as he is referred to as a TV guy only, and the radio guy I think is from the Caribbean. I believe Komla is still seen in the opening montage for BBC World News/America (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. 5975, Jan 21 at 1358, B-B-C- chimes on VP signal, which per HFCC and Aoki is due northeast from OMAN, about to start 2-hour broadcast in Dari, then Pashto (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. Is there anyone out there that has a contact email address for the BBC relay station in Singapore???? (George, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

For BBC Singapore, try using the interactive map form on Babcock's website
<http://www.babcockinternational.com/contact/>

I used it to send a report in 2012 and received a brief vaguely worded email QSL in reply. This same webpage can also be used to contact other BBC relays (Bruce Portzer, ibid.)

Thank you very much for the interactive map tip. At the end the mail form of the site didnt work BUT it was very easy to "fish" the email address that they use for contact with the Singapore relay station... it was a generic "info_at_babcock.co.uk" and i used that to forward my reception report. (George, Ibid.)

** U S A. ENTIRE VOA Station at Delano is UP FOR SALE

As sent to be [sic] via the UDXF group:

DELANO TRANSMITTING STATION
11015 MELCHER ROAD
DELANO, CALIFORNIA 93215
GSA CONTROL NUMBER: 9-X-CA-1671

HUD ASSIGNED PROPERTY NUMBER: 54201330005
January 14, 2014
Is now up for sale. See
<https://resourcecenter.secure.force.com/pbs/SurplusNotices>

Get this: "the property is suitable for possible use for facilities to assist the homeless under the Stewart B. McKinneyñVento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, and was published in the Federal Register on December 16, 2013."

From VOA to a potential homeless shelter -- what have we done to deserve this in the age of Obama???? (via Shawn Fahrer, Jan 18, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

Delano was closed in 2007, the Age of Bush. I'm forwarding separately the full info on this, zipped (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, ibid.)

Glenn, VOA Delano Station property for sale. VY 73, (Brian Miller - K9RA, Marco Island, Florida, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

With attached pdf zip; two files, one of which has fuzzy photos from ground, and aerial of site, available on the dxldyg (gh)

And the Stewart B. McKinneyñVento Homeless Assistance Act was enacted in 1987 during the Reagan administration (Bruce Portzer, WA, ibid.)

** U S A. VOA Radiogram for the weekend of January 18-19 will include MFSK32, 64, and 64L (the new long interleave version of MFSK64L). One of the MFSK64L transmissions will be in Flmsg format, meaning that it will render as a web page on your display. Details here:
<http://voaradiogram.net/post/73631111300/voa-radiogram-18-19-jan-2014-includes-mfsk32-64-64L>

VOA Radiogram transmission schedule
(all days and times UT):
Sat 0930-1000 5745 kHz
Sat 1600-1630 17860 kHz
Sun 0230-0300 5745 kHz
Sun 1930-2000 15670 kHz
All via the Edward R. Murrow transmitting station in North Carolina

(Kim Elliott, VOA Radiogram, Jan 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And what about the 1-minute Radiograms via The Mighty KBC? A few minutes after 0130 UT Jan 20, Eric van Willigen mentioned that there was none this week and wondered where Kim was? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A multi-carrier solution for MFSK16 would be also interesting. Robust signal with maybe five times wider bandwidth. (MFSK16x5.....?)

http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2014-01-18.htm

At the end of my html again a few Easypal images (roger, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hilltopping harmonics: definitely via E skip: 23860, R. Marti, 2 x 11930, 1500 UT, rhumba (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, Social Media Co-ordinator #KresySiberia, Jan 22, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 26110/FM, KMK282, KOVR-TV Sacramento CA studio relay; 1709-1739+, 12-Jan; Good Day Sacramento program; "Eating isn't everything; it's the only thing." A new pig virus may raise bacon prices. Quite the variety of things during breaks this time; beeps & blaats; piano music; an obvious non-pro singing and one code burst, started with "F", not "K". VGood peaks (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I've tried for this several days during the 17 UT hour, but so far no luck; too far for easy Es? Too close for F2? (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1704 monitoring: confirmed on WRMI 9955, Thursday Jan 16 starting at 1330:32. This means that our 29:00-minute program still cannot fit into the slot until WRMI Scoreboard fires at 1359:00, so only first part of the propagation outlook airs. Preceding, Prague relay introduced fill music for ``satellite listeners`` but WRMI dumps out of that for canned Andy Sennitt WRMI ID at 1330, without which the entire WOR could have aired. Cuban pulse jamming thruout, usually at lower level than WRMI even aimed south; helps a little to cover up glitches in my editing, but I would gladly do without it. Other WRMI transmitter on NW antenna tests open carrier atop our programming at *1357:14-1357:50* and does not cut back on for good until Scoreboard finishes and preacher starts at 1400.

Next WOR airings: On WTWW, Thu 2201 on 9475, UT Sun 0030 on 5085, UT Sun 0501 on 5830. On WWRB, UT Fri 0426v on 3195. On HLR, Sat & Wed 0730 & 1530 on 7265-CUSB. On Area 51 via WBCQ, UT Mon 0400v on 5110v-CUSB. On WRMI: Sat 2130 on 7730, UT Sun 0030 on 9495, Tue 1200 on 9955

WORLD OF RADIO 1704 monitoring: 9475, Thursday Jan 16 at 2105 check is off the air, while the other two WTWWs are still on, 9930 BS and 12105 French Bible; this bodes ill. Yes: 9475 still off during the 2201-2230 period when WOR is confirmed playing on the webcast. Later in evening, WTWW-1 is back, on 5830, and the next morning circa 1415 also back on 9475.

WOR 1704 confirmed on next chance: UT Friday from 0428:53 on WWRB 3195 (no 5050 still); Dave interrupted the screaming preacher at 0428:30 saying stand by for World of Radio, which followed after a brief pause.

Next: Saturday 0730 & 1530 on HLR 7265-CUSB
Saturday 2130 on WRMI 7730 (perhaps; has been past two weeks)
UT Sunday 0030 on WRMI 9495 (perhaps; has been past two weeks; I've asked Jeff to move this one to UT Saturday 0030 if possible)
UT Sunday 0030 on WTWW 5085
UT Sunday 0501 on WTWW 5830
UT Monday 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB
Tuesday 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 0730 & 1530 on HLR 7265-CUSB

WORLD OF RADIO 1704 monitoring: 7730, Sat Jan 18 at 2130 checking for WOR as carried by WRMI the past two Saturdays, but today instead it's 'Blues Radio International', which is on the mainstream WRMI 9955 schedule at 0200-0230 UT Mondays. Usual poor signal here on this offbeam channel. Content of these hours is flexible.

Like other days, expected the other bonus hour of RMI programming at 00-01 on 9495 to repeat the 21-22 on 7730, but not today: WORLD OF RADIO is still running here at 0030 UT Sunday Jan 19, good but deep fades aimed southward, about a semi-minute later than on 5085 WTWW which started at 0029:31. WOR on 9495 is not truncated, 0059 to WYFR theme and ID before closing.

5830, UT Sunday Jan 19 from 0500:56, WOR 1704 confirmed on WTWW-1, holding up with VG signal this week.

WORLD OF RADIO 1704 monitoring: confirmed on Area 51 webcast, UT Monday Jan 20 at 0400, presumably also on WBCQ 5110v-CUSB, which was too weak to surpass computer noise level. Next: Tuesday 1200 on WRMI 9955; Wednesday 0730 & 1530 on HLR 7265-CUSB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7730, WRMI, Okeechobee with Brother Snare's dulcet tones wafting through my local QRM. Signal weak, 2+3431+ -- enough to ID the good Brother but not enough to be able to tell what he was going on about today. ID at ToH that was pretty clear -- and into Blues Radio

International which was MUCH better programming, and reception gradually better as I listened, but not really good enough to 'enjoy', up to 33+442+ by 2110 2030-2110 11/Jan (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 17 Jan via DXLD)

7730, WRMI, Radio Miami Int'l; *1800, 14-Jan; OC up at 1757:22; audio up abruptly at 1801:02 with the unmistakable raspy intonations of B.S. SIO=2+52; // 9955, SIO=454 and no jamming. 2002 somewhat better at SIO=3+53- and still with B.S. // 9955. 2150-2200*, Spanish program about air travel to Venezuela. SS ID spot at 2158+ into English ID spot by Bob Zanotti. SIO=4+44-, sounded like some weak co-channel QRM at times -- studio bleed? Nothing else listed here. B.S. was on 9955 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9955, WRMI, 15/01 0401 UT. Programa ila Rosa de Tokioî con el tema de la radiodifusiôn de Croacia. SINPO: 55454 (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

9955, Jan 16 at 0714, WRMI is very poor but has faded up enough to tell that it is not Brother Scare, as has been scheduled at 0600-1059 UT: not // BS on VG 7570, but something else in English --- someone axually speaking in a normal tone of voice!! Could be Prague, e.g. Ivo Ivanov also noticed this at 07-09 and with remote receivers was also hearing BS on World Harvest Radio 9955, which he keeps publishing as HRI in South Carolina, rather than HBN in Palau, which is obviously the site for this 'Angel 5' service. No sign of anything but WRMI here at that hour. I wonder if this was a temporary mixup or substitution at WRMI, or if they have pulled BS off during that time just because he is now on WHR 9955? It would be impossible to synchronize, so no doubt there would be an echo in some areas, probably a long-delayed one if both were BSing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Brother Stair vs WRMI:

0700-0900 9955 HRI 100 kW / 345 deg to NEAs Brother Stair as scheduled
0700-0900 9955 YFR 100 kW / 160 deg to CeAm WRMI programs, not BS TOM!
Using remote receivers in Canada, USA and Australia. Very strong signal of WRMI programs in Canada and USA and mixing of two broadcasts in Australia. -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Except 9955 with BS IS NOT WHRI BUT T8WH PALAU (gh)

9495, UT Friday Jan 17 at 0037, WRMI's extra transmission while R Libertad is running heavily jammed on main 9955 frequency: now it's an historical DX program in Spanish, perhaps 'La Rosa de Tokio' hour since it's about Japanese broadcasting in WWII.

My queries about what's going on:

``Hi Jeff, Sorry to hear of your laryngitis. Hope you're better now. Who is the sub guy on WS, Michael MÈndez? Heard Media Network Plus last night after 0030 UT Wed on 9495. Wonder if you have developed a full schedule for that hour, and/or 21-22 on 7730.`` And later:

``Jeff, Things are getting confusing, and it's not clear whether you are making permanent changes, not yet reflected in the schedule, or temporary substitution/mixup?? At 0714 UT this morning, 9955 was not Brother Scare, but something else I could not make out. What is going on overnight now? Was this because WHR is also running BS on 9955 from Palau?? Glenn``

Were answered by Jeff White: ``Glenn: Michael Mendez, who hosted the latest Wavescan, is the host of our program Trova Libre on WRMI. Ray Robinson of KVOH will be the guest host for this coming Sunday's Wavescan, and I will be back the following week. Ray will also be joining us on future editions of the program with special features.

``WRMI's Internet stream is now running repeats of various programs (including WOR) during the hours from 0600 to 1100 and 1500 to 2200 UT daily, while 9955 kHz shortwave is running Brother Stair during those hours. I don't have a complete schedule for the Internet segments yet, and they will probably be changing frequently. Same goes for the schedules for the 2100-2200 and 0000-0100 segments on 7730 and 9495 respectively. Jeff`` [WORLD OF RADIO 1705]

But that doesn't explain why I was hearing non-BS on 9955 at 0714; months ago when BS started to occupy huge gobs of time on the original SW 9955 WRMI, blowing away WRN and numerous DX programs, I had suggested that RMI maintain the old variety schedule on a webcast, instead of BS on that (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7730, Fri Jan 17 at 2140, usual VP W00B signal from WRMI on this beam 90 degrees away from us but 44 degrees toward Europe, during the 21-22 UT ``extra RMI`` programming separate from 9955. Today it's in Spanish, evidently a DX program; 2142 mentions Radio Cruz; 2146 M&W are alternating giving some times and frequencies; her voice is more readable; 2155 mentions production at LS11 in Provincia de Buenos Aires, Argentina, then fill with vocal tango, maybe Gardel? No further outro, 2159.5 YFR theme and ID voiced by Keith Perron, but without giving his celebrity name; to carrier off at 2200:09*.

(Remember that WRMI is testing R. Taiw·n Internacional relay in Spanish on 7730, this UT Sun & Mon at 0300-0400, presumably toward the west. Sufficient reports required to justify resuming it.)

[No se olviden de que WRMI est· con pruebas por Radio Taiw·n Internacional en 7730, las noches de s·bado y domingo, d·as Universales domingo y lunes, entre 03 y 04 TU, hacia el oeste. Hay que ganar respuestas, informes de recepci·n suficientes para justificar reanudar este servicio, antes via F·mily Radio.]

9495, UT Sat Jan 18 at 0055, I'm hearing the same program as on 7730 earlier; much better reception now aimed south. So probably the 00-01 UT hour on 9495 is a repeat of whatever was on 7730 at 21-22 the previous UT day. Mentions La Voz de Croacia; and this time it's clearly 'La Rosa de Tokio' hour-long historical DX program, which is indeed produced at LS11, 1270 kHz.

It seems the programming for these two hours is flexible, with no schedule on the web other than for 9955. The past two weeks, WORLD OF RADIO has been appearing Sat 2130 on 7730, UT Sun 0030 on 9495 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7730, WRMI Radio Miami International; 2128, 18-Jan [Sat]; ID spot into Blues Radio International with Jessie Finkelstein. SIO=4+54- (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7730, Tue Jan 21 at 2100, WRMI goes from BS to 'Wavescan' commencing the extra hour of RMI programming. Seems the only way to find out the schedule at 21-22 is by monitoring, but it's flexible and may not repeat following weeks. Usual poor signal here. At 2155 in Spanish about Venezuela, probably the quarter-hour 'Acontecer Venezolano' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Estimados colegas: El amigo Jeff White, Manager de WRMI Radio Miami International, en su 'ltimo correo electr·nico me comunica que se encuentra en la planta transmisora de Okeechobee, recientemente reactivada. Actualmente cumple tres turnos de 8 horas operando los transmisores los fines de semana junto a Javier, el operador del estudio de WRMI en Miami.

En tanto su esposa Thaïs est· dedicada al mantenimiento, reorganizaci·n y decoraci·n del edificio en Okeechobee. "Estamos comenzando a pintar casi todo el edificio de nuevo", dice Jeff. "Hemos convertido el viejo sal·n que era almacenaje de cintas a un sal·n de conferencias con un mapamundi gigante en una pared entera".

Nevado, es un perro adorable, del tipo labrador, que conoc· en mi viaje a Miami en 2012. "A Nevado le gusta Okeechobee porque hay mucho espacio", dice Jeff. "Vive aqu· en el edificio con nosotros, puede ver las vacas y otros animales".

Y el dato que seguramente interesar a los diexistas que aún quedan activos refiere a las tarjetas de verificación de WRMI/WYFR.

"Mandamos a imprimir dos QSL's nuevas para contestar todos los informes que están llegando", agrega Jeff. "Es realmente impresionante la diferencia de la señal de Okeechobee comparado con la de Miami".

Finalmente Jeff White está realizando pruebas para reactivar las retransmisiones de Radio Taiwan Internacional (comenzó el pasado fin de semana) con la intención que la emisora retome su programación habitual hacia las Américas desde Okeechobee. Informes de recepción son bienvenidos a radiomiami9 @ cs.com (Rubén Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5110v-CUSB, UT Sat Jan 18 at 0059, WBCQ with Brother Scare already, but it's time for 'Allan Weiner Worldwide'. Checking the other frequencies at 0100, 7490 has Allan 'testing 1-2-1-2' bringing up his feed from snowbirdy Florida a bit too early; 0100:27 start 'William Tell Overture' theme; quick retune to 9330 finds OCDA with hum, until it starts the WTO about 27 seconds later; by now 5110 is also with AWWW for the hour featuring co-host Mal on the phone.

7490-, Jan 21 at 2049, since it's Tuesday, WBCQ is on an hour earlier than most days, with novelty music: Pirate Joe's Extravaganza from WHVW in New York. Signal is really too poor to enjoy. By occupying the 20-21 UT slot, P.J. gets the least coverage of any show on 7490, full daytime even in winter, and will only worsen as the year progresses, jumping a full hour even earlier once DST kicks in. I suppose this may still be a solid signal closer (but not too close) to Monticello ME.

3215, Jan 18 at 0111, I notice that the WWRB carrier is wobbling a bit, during country hymn, while 3185 is steady with BS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Again unscheduled broadcast of WTWW-3 on Jan. 16: from 0900 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to ENAm Chinese, weak in Sofia from 1200 on 12105 TWW 100 kW / 040 deg to ENAm Russian, please check! 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Later: off at 0925, sorry

I suspect this happens on rare occasion when the transmitter fails to turn off circa 0500 or 0600 (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 6115, WWCN Nashville with English "R Liberty" conspiracy stuff with OLD man talking with younger woman about how Google is out to own you and spy on you. ID at ToH and ads for Gold and why 'fiat' currencies have always caused the societies that issue them to fail.

Into "Financial Survival" re how the IRS and Wall Street are out to get you too. Gold and Silver are down; but Crude Oil is up. How are these guys different than Harold Camping predicting the end of the world? :o 55555 at first, but down to 55554 because of cross-talk and hum in the transmitter letting other stuff bleed through, and lots of satellite/VOIP drop-outs/stutters distracting things! 0050-0130 16/Jan (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 17 Jan via DXLD)

9350, Jan 16 at 2108, I notice that the huge signal from WWCR-2 is dumping off the air for a split second a few times per minute; with BFO, I can also tell the frequency shifts very slightly as it does this. This happens unrelated to what is modulating. Then I check 6115, WWCR-1 and the same thing is happening, also producing spur pulses in the 6175-6190 range. I can envision shorts occurring along the rhombic antennas to cause this? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WEWN 01/14/14 --: English and Spanish also heard on their African frequency (11520 and my 'images' at the top of the 31 meter and 25 meter band as referred to before) for part of that time during the 00 - 05 UT shift, if I recall properly from a couple of days ago. Perhaps they had their transmitters crossed on the 14th as well as their languages (Shawn From Flushing NY Fahrer, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

With WEWN, sometimes they are translating English speech or masses into Spanish on the fly, resulting in such a mixture on the ``Spanish`` frequencies; not so likely Spanish to English (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 15550, WJHR Milton FL (presumed); 1922-1930+, 18-Jan; Fast-talking EE huxter waxing about wives "obligations" & "obedience" to their husbands. He did provide an out though, "Don't do it if it isn't godly." USB, SIO=454 with usual tinny audio, AND: Aoki finally has them listed correctly in FL instead of CA! (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re WRNO at 7506.4 instead of 7505 kHz: I just came across this factoid at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=mtHighFrequency>

"Note: all duplex and simplex (marine radiotelephone channel) frequencies are upper sideband (USB), with assigned frequency 1.4 kHz above the listed carrier frequency."

Is WRNO using upper sideband on their transmissions (and would it be similar to these marine radiotelephone frequencies in the above

manner)? If so, then WRNO's carrier frequency may indeed be 7505 kHz as advertised, but their "assigned frequency" (for the USB signal) would be 1.4 kHz higher, or 7506.4 kHz (using the logic above). Does this solve the frequency difference between the reported frequency (on DXLD and elsewhere) and what WRNO states as their frequency during their signoff)? Or is there some other reason for this difference? Just curious (Shawn From Flushing NY, (who just realized that HM01 might be on again, so I'd better run), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, it's in AM, and the carrier is really off-frequency. It's been varying even further than 7506.4 lately as I have reported. The thing is a mess and they are unwilling or unable to reach the proper frequency nor to maintain clear modulation (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

Hi Glenn, Jan 9 was my last log of WRNO and was about 7506.51 at 0321. End of the iMaranatha Radioi segment with Pastor Ray Bentley; 0325 DW news till 0330; fair (Ron Howard, California, *ibid.*)

If there was a non-ecclesiastical source of money available, what could the buy-out price for WRNO be? It would be nice to get the signal cleaned up there and have moderate secular programming to go out too. What we've got now is embarrassing technically when others with lesser means manage so much better (Stephen Michael Kellat, KC8BFI, *ibid.*)

** U S A. 17775, KVOH, Simi Valley CA; 1951-2002*, 17-Jan; Spanish religious program to ID spot at 1954, "KVOH La Voz Esperanza Los Angeles" [sic] with Costa Mesa addy. 1959 Closing in English & off at 2002:09; OC off at 2004:57 & back up briefly with Spanish ID and finally pulled plug at 2005:18. SIO=454 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 7545, UKRAINE, TWR, 0028 Jan 17, musical IS loop, 0030 s/on announcements in language (Bangla listed) by woman, song in Bangla. Aoki and HFCC list this from Ukraine, while EiBi says it's unknown. I'll go with the majority and put it under Ukraine. Poor.

[Later:] I've done some research into the transmitter site for the logging above. I had understood that Ukrainian sites had been decommissioned. I did a search of Dan Ferguson's combined EiBi, Aoki and HFCC spreadsheet to see what else was listed as coming from Ukraine. I think this is an anomaly on the part of Aoki. HFCC has lots of old entries and can't be trusted. Klingenfuss says the site is Pridnestrovskiy [sic]. Hopefully the site will be confirmed one of these days, but I'm going to list this as Pridnestrovskiy (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake,

with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Is that the way Kling. spells it? No -skiy; PRIDNESTROVYE (gh)

6105, EAST GERMANY, TWR via Nauen, 0758 Jan 18, musical IS loop, 0800 man with sign-on, iHello and welcomeÖî, into a program with and for children. Poor, // 7400 via Austria (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. FORMAT, SLOGAN AND SILENT STATUS CHANGES
FREQ CALL CITY OF LICENSE NEW INFORMATION
570 KSNM Las Cruces, NM new: iClassic Country 570î
570 KSNM Las Cruces, NM old slogan: iNews Talk & Sportsî
570 KSNM Las Cruces, NM was Talk, now Classic Country

Ye editor passes along the following from the Las-Cruces, NM Sun-News dated 1/2/14:

LAS CRUCES TALK RADIO KSNM CHANGES FORMAT TO CLASSIC COUNTRY
By Lindsey Anderson
Posted: 01/02/2014 02:16:02 PM MST Updated Jan. 6, 2:50 p.m.

LAS CRUCES >> The New Year brought a new name and format to former talk radio station KSNM 570 AM: Classic Country 570.

The station now features songs and artists from the 1960s to the 1990s, from Dolly Parton to Johnny Cash to George Strait.

"On our current country station (103.9 KGRT-FM), we've had so many listener requests for classic country," general manager Veronica Test said of the change. "There's already two talk radio stations in town, so it just made sense."

The station is one of four -- along with Great Country 103.9 KGRT-FM, Hot 103.1 KHQT-FM and La Gran D 98.7 KKVS-FM -- Sunrise Broadcasting and Richardson Commercial Corp. sold to Adams Radio Group in September. The deal was worth about \$4 million. For now, the other stations will not change, Test said.

Low ratings

KSNM averaged one of the smallest audiences of all radio stations in Las Cruces, according to ratings group Nielsen Audio. About 3,800 listeners tuned into the station during the course of a week, according to Nielsen Audio. The other news and talk radio station in town, KOBE-AM, had 7,400 listeners a week.

Meanwhile, Great Country KGRT-FM averaged 30,800 listeners a week.

The revamped 570-AM Classic Country currently features nationally syndicated programs, though there is potential for the company to hire local disc jockeys in the future, Adams Radio of Las Cruces operations manager Ernesto Garcia said.

'Let's Talk' to stay

Classic Country will keep the local talk news program "Let's Talk Las Cruces," but all other shows have been canceled. "As of right now, we're classic country except for 'Let's Talk Las Cruces,'" Test said. "Let's Talk Las Cruces" features members of the public discussing issues in the community with radio hosts.

The former morning program will now air daily from noon to 1 p.m. "We just felt it was good information for the community," Test said. Other KSNM programs could possibly be incorporated into weekend shows in the future, Test said.

But the station will be largely classic country music, Garcia said. "You can hear it at night and wake up to it in the morning," he said. New Mexico Department of Health spokesman David Morgan co-hosted "Prescription for Health" on Wednesday evenings on KSNM. The program is now canceled. "The New Mexico Department of Health is going to pursue other avenues for getting its message out," Morgan said.

Discussions are already underway to relocate the program, he said. "We always knew with a change of ownership, a change of format could easily come," he said. "We understand this is a business decision and wish our friends at the station continued success."

Sports changes ahead

KSNM previously broadcast FOX Sports Radio in the mornings and evenings. That will not continue after this week, Garcia said. NFL playoff games and the Super Bowl will be broadcast on Classic Country over the next few weeks. Come fall, the station may consider broadcasting NFL games, Garcia said.

Classic Country will continue to air Las Cruces high school and New Mexico State University sports. "We wanted to focus on local sports and NMSU sports," Garcia said.

First step

Garcia said he listened to Classic Country all day Wednesday when it debuted. "Love this great American music that's on," he said. Advertising clients have so far been happy with the changes, Test said.

Adams Radio owned a variety of radio stations across the country in the mid-20th century, but all were sold by 1995.

The acquisition of the four Las Cruces properties is the first step in the company's return to radio.

A previous version of this story should have said KSNM 570-AM averaged 3,800 listeners during the course of a week. KOBE-AM averaged 7,400 listeners and KGRT-FM averaged 30,800 listeners (via Bob Wien, IRCA DX Monitor Jan 18 via DXLD)

** U S A. 690, KGGF, KS, Coffeyville ñ Slogan to iThe Talk of the Town,î no longer 24h. (SS) (AM Switch, NRC DX News Jan 6 via DXLD)

It's not been 24 hours (except for open carrier) for many months as I frequently reported last year their playing Taps at local midnight, and/or other patriotic music, then silence. Sometimes runs later if there is a long west-coast SBG (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. CALL CHANGES

830, WUMY TN Memphis - Call change to WGUE (1/15).
1180, KXIQ AR Turrell ñ Call change to WUMY (1/15).
(AM Switch, NRC DX News Jan 27 via DXLD)

** U S A. Re Coast to Coast AM substitute host being female, as per a gh log of KOA: correct name is Katherine Albrecht, who got her start as guest on C2C warning about the evils of supermarket club/shopper cards (Jim Tedford, WA, NRC DX News ed. Jan 13 via DXLD)

** U S A. 930, Jan 20 at 0604 UT, easily heard, dominating the Indomable WKY when nulled, Fox ``news``, 0605 PSA for a Hannibal MO library with 573-area code, ID from WTAD Quincy IL, into C2CAM. I've heard it before, but this is unusual. Could it be on ND 5 kW day pattern? I was also hearing it last April with same suspicions, as in DXLDs 13-14, 13-15, 13-16, 13-17.

FCC AM Query shows WTAD 1 kW night pattern of double-figure 8, i.e. four lobes roughly to N/E/S/W and extremely deep nulls between them, such as 230 degrees to the southwest, close to Enidward.
http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/305660-3646.pdf

Enid is 238 degrees from Quincy, at 686 km distance. The 230 null is exactly toward WKY's coordinates.

And WTAD also has a CP, why? Hard to make out any difference:
http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/1549844-121217.pdf

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1150, KEIB Los Angeles CA (ex KTLK) fair with ident i11-50 KEIBî at 0700 3/1 then Superbowl promo. Now scheduled to carry CBS Sports Network till 2 am local [10z] (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, North Island, New Zealand, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** U S A. Station for sale --- Anyone want to buy a radio station? Seriously. It looks like the station I've worked for for 23 years is circling the drain. KEVA AM Stereo 1240 in Evanston, Wyoming is up for sale. The owner wants \$150,000 but I believe she will take \$120,000 and can't take less than that. Her late husband was apparently not a very good business man and didn't pay payroll taxes to the IRS for many years. She's been paying on the debt for years now but still owes quite the chunk. She's wanting to give it a chance to sell otherwise she will just turn it off and tell the IRS to come take it.

It's really sad because KEVA just celebrated 60 years on the air this year. It would be sad to see a legacy go down the drain. I was laid off at the first of the year. I was told it was hopefully just temporary but unless they land some new account that is good money (which is not likely considering we have no sales people and haven't for a few years) then I imagine it'll be permanent. It's a stand-alone AM station and honestly the listenership is there. People listen and people love us. But they'd love us more if we had an FM signal.

There are two translators here and either are for sale; we just never had the money to do it. The station needs a true-blue radio person and not just some big cluster that's gonna throw a talk format on it and forget about it. Anyways I know it's a little off-topic but I'm reaching out in all directions. It's been a big part of me and my life for 23 years so it's got a special place in my heart. Contact me for more info (Michael n Wyo Richard, Jan 22, ABDX via DXLD)

Does it reach into the outskirts of Salt Lake City? If so, it could get some better sales. If it does, and they can also do things like high school games, it should make money. If I was the engineer for a station like that, I'd try to get a loan and buy it. A thousand watt transmitter doesn't require a lot of electrical cost, even with tower lights (Craig Healy, Providence, RI, ibid.)

Having visited Evanston and toured KEVA (courtesy of MjR), I can attest it is one of those rare "genuine" radio stations that truly serves its community. All we need is the *right* lottery ticket, and we can get Mike back on the air where he belongs. P.S. Wouldn't it be a blast to "crowdsource" the sales problem? Get a bunch of DXers (especially those with radio station experience), do some quick orientation, and send them all over Evanston with rate cards in hand.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry (Tim Hall, ibid.)

I toured KEVA in 2007 and completely agree with Tim's comments about the station. Plus it runs Motorola C-Quam AM stereo. It doesn't get any better than that. Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, WB6TNB, ibid.)

Thanks for all the kind words, everyone. I put a lot of work and take a lot of pride in that place. Just a week ago I went up and swapped some tubes to get the modulation back up just because I care. I wasn't asked to and didn't get paid for it. I really don't want to own it. It was a part-time hobby for me. I did the engineering and was morning show host for the last few years and I have a ball doing it. I'm hoping to find someone who cares; and there ARE some good radio guys out there that do care, to give it the fair shot it deserves and not let it die a quick death.

Again, I'm reaching out because I care, not because I have to or need the job. It was my pride and joy, especially the AM Stereo part of it. I'm proud of the sound and extra care I've taken all these years to make sure the product on the air is high-quality (Michael n Wyo Richard, ibid.)

** U S A. 1330, KCKM, Monahans, TX iThe Oilfield Stationî. C&W/Rel C&W; adds // K254BN-98.7; drops // KCKN-1020 (Jan Medium Wave News via DXLD) Had not been // 1020 for quite some time (gh)

Bob Souza, GM & Owner at KCKM 1330 Monahans, Texas has agreed to do a DX test for us DX'ers. Here are the details:

Date: Saturday March 22nd, 2014 from 12AM to 12:30AM Central [daylight] time (Friday night into Saturday Morning) [0500-0530 UT]

The test will be be at full daytime power and pattern, 12,000 Watts Non Directional into a 5/8th wave tower. The test will consist mainly of morse code, sweep tones and sound effects known to cut through the mud. There will be a few voice announcements spread out through out the 30 minute test.

Bob prefers reports sent by email, but will accept snail mailed submissions. If you send an email, please send MP3 attachments only, WAV files would be too big.

Emails would be sent to bob @ kckm1330.com

Snail mail reports can be sent with a CD or cassette cued up to the best part of the reception. The mailing address is: PO Box 990, Monahans TX 79756.

Bob has said a verification post card will be sent. I encourage you to send just a single stamp to help defray the cost of the postage. Bob didn't ask for that, but I think it would be kind gesture.

If I have left anything out or anyone has questions, please email ME directly: walkerbroadcasting @ gmail.com I think I covered everything.

I am working on getting KGGF 690 Coffeyville, KS to do a test at its 10KW/2 tower daytime pattern. Paul Walker (via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

Paul neglects to mention it, but this test results from an unsolicited QSL I received from KCKM last year in which he offered to do a DX test, as I reported at the time (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Long awaited 1620 WJDI QSL received for 1989 broadcast!

Nearly 25 years ago, while tuning around at the top of the AM dial, I logged New York radio pirate WJDI on 1620 kHz from West Michigan. For whatever reason, I never sent a reception report for that broadcast. Fast forward 25 years later and this 8-1/2" x 11" beautifully framed QSL arrives in the mail last week:

<http://amdixer.com/QSL/WJDI%2011DE89%2002.jpg>

And a note explaining this would be the last WJDI QSL ever issued:
<http://amdixer.com/QSL/WJDI%2011DE89%2003.jpg>

About a year ago I crossed paths with the person behind WJDI and requested a QSL card, on a whim, after sending him some audio recordings I made of that broadcast in 1989. This is the card, received last week, for a broadcast that took place nearly 25 years ago!

For those that may not know, WJDI was a New York area pirate that was on the air during the late 80s / early 90s that brought about much attention for using high powered homebrew transmitters ranging from 2.5 to 15 kilowatts. WJDI operated on 1620 kHz, before the expanded band came into existence.

A big thanks go to "George Donahue" for this special QSL card!
73, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, Jan 20, 2014, ABDX via DXLD)

I'm glad to know that "George" is still out there, too. A million years ago, I featured WJDI in my Monitoring Times column "American Bandscan."

I visited his home and saw his antennas and transmitters. The man

produced the most beautiful metal and electronic work you could ever imagine. He really was an artist when it came to construction and design. After his final tubes were worn out, he would bury them in his backyard as a memorial.

He loves radio and loves learning about design and propagation. Make all the comments you want about him being misguided being a pirate, but I would be hard pressed to find anyone else who could come close to his workmanship.

A beloved friend's hat would sit atop his big metal transmitter during his broadcasts. "WJDI" was dedicated to his wife Judy who kindly followed along even through the worst FCC threats. "George" has a great heart and a big soul. Long life to you, laddie (Karl Zuk, N2KZ, ibid.)

Thanks for this, Karl. Few people probably know that the WJDI story goes back to 1970. The hat you mentioned is indeed of special significance as it belonged to a close friend of "George", someone that mentored him in the field of radio at a very young age. And his ability to design and build the 15 kW transmitter by hand is beyond impressive. The WJDI story is an interesting one, as is the man behind the station. I'm in the process of documenting the history of WJDI, thanks to information provided firsthand by "George", more to follow in coming weeks. 73, (Tim Tromp, MI, ibid.)

** U S A. 1700, Jan 22 at 1431-1435+ UT, open carrier/dead air atop weak Fox Sports station, making about 7 Hz SAH. OCDA station must be KKLK Richardson TX, the comedy station muted, and KVNS Brownsville the Fox Sports (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1050 x 2 WEPN harmonic on 2100 kHz: Presumed WEPN "ESPN Deportes Radio" noted on 2100 kHz with Spanish sports talk. I'm assuming this is WEPN as I see no other Spanish ESPN outlets listed on 1050 (1050 x 2), and nothing matching on 700 (700 x 3). Strong at times, then fading down to nothing, and rising back up again at 0203 UT. 73, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, UT Jan 23, ABDX via DXLD)

You could see if what you're hearing matches WEPN's streaming audio on their website.

<http://espn deportes.espn.go.com/espn deportesradio/play?s=wepn-am>
(Dennis Gibson, WB6TNB, Sent from my iPad, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 2980, WMPX, Midland MI; 1607, 10-Jan; S7, 2x harmonic of // 1490 with nostalgia music, much stronger than last time I checked this; also S5 3 x harmonic on 4470, not heard last time checked. Nothing on 4x (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on

my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Harmonics typically occur as either odd or even multiples. This is local for him and probably not strong enough to be heard beyond groundwave, but just in case. Of course there are hundreds of other stations on 1490 which might harmonicize, and the really remarkable thing is that so few do put out enough 2x to DX (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

** U S A. Sacbee - Local groups seeking old-school radio stations
In the age of streaming music, free podcasts and digital downloads, more than a dozen Sacramento area nonprofits are trying to launch old-fashioned radio stations in 2014. . .
<http://www.sacbee.com/2014/01/17/6079709/local-groups-seeking-old-school.html>
(73z - GREG HARDISON, DXLD)

** U S A. LPFM WATCH: FCC GRANTS 107 LPFM APPLICATIONS, MORE
OPPOSITIONS FILED I've Got High Hopes Radio World - ?7 hours ago?

This is the latest edition of Dan Slentz's quest to start an LPFM radio station. Wednesday, Jan. 15th, was a banner day for a group of LPFM applicants (myself included). The FCC granted a large group of applicants their official construction permits. This means:
<http://www.radioworld.com/default.aspx?tabid=75&entryid=989>

LPFM Watch: FCC Grants 107 LPFM Applications, More Oppositions Filed
Radio Survivor - ?11 hours ago?

LPFM Watch: This week there were some interesting developments on the LPFM front. Most notably, the FCC began to grant LPFM applications yesterday and by day's end there were 107 non-profit groups that were one step closer to getting on the air with a ...
<http://www.radiosurvivor.com/2014/01/16/lpfm-watch-fcc-grants-107-lpfm-applications-more-oppositions-filed/>

FCC Granting, Dismissing LPFM Applications Radio World - ?5 hours ago?
The FCC continues granting low-power FM applications for a construction permit while dismissing others. Judging by a check of its broadcast actions from today and yesterday, the commission dismissed two applications for new LPFMs in Phoenix competing ...
<http://www.radioworld.com/article/fcc-granting-dismissing-lpfm-applications/223254>
(all via Artie Bigley, Jan 16, DXLD) Viz. the final story:

THE FCC CONTINUES GRANTING LOW-POWER FM APPLICATIONS FOR A
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT WHILE DISMISSING OTHERS.

Judging by a check of its broadcast actions from today and yesterday, the commission dismissed two applications for new LPFMs in Phoenix competing for the same 105.1 MHz frequency. The agency also dismissed

applications from groups vying for a new LPFM in Moorhead, Minn., Madawaska, Maine, San Diego, Portland, Ore. and El Paso, Texas.

One of the approximately 100+ applications for new LPFMs granted so far is on 101.1 MHz in Palatka, Fla. After much back and forth, the commission granted a CP to Minority Educational Broadcasting.

REC Networks' Michi Bradley tells Radio World that she hasn't dug deep into the list yet, however it appears none of the applications granted so far have been from organizations that REC Networks and other LPFM advocacy groups have filed informal objections and Petitions to Deny for "questionable" groups.

She's keeping a running list of grants with some 120 listings so far.
<http://recnet.net/grant/>
[168 as of Jan 19 --- including a few in OK, but none in Enid --- gh]

Ones that caught our eye are in Iuka, Miss., by Flash Cat Animal Advocacy (#93) and Solar Garden Learning and Entertainment in Davis, Calif., (#59.)

LPFM applicant Dan Slentz says the only commonality he can see so far is no same-channel competition within a market and all the paperwork seems to be straightforward with their technical data.

Permittees will have 18 months to construct their stations but they can toll another 18 months if needed. See more at:
<http://www.radioworld.com/article/fcc-granting-dismissing-lpfm-applications/223254#sthash.wAxhbQTD.dpuf>
(via DXLD)

**** U S A. FILING COMMENTS IN THE FCC'S AM REVITALIZATION PROCEEDING**

Several list members have asked, so I'll reply to the list with some tips on how to make your voice heard: Filings have to be made electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

The easiest way to do it is to use "ECFS Express," at this link:
<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/hotdocket/list>

Scroll down the list until you find docket 13-249, Revitalization of the AM Radio Service. (It's showing up in about 12th place on the list for me right now, but will move up as the filing deadline next Tuesday approaches.)

Click on the blue "i" dot next to the proceeding number if you'd like to read other filings. It's also a VERY good idea to take the time to

read the FCC's entire 32-page Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), which is also available by clicking on that i dot.

What happens in an NPRM proceeding is this: the FCC throws out a bunch of proposals and essentially says "here's what we're thinking of doing, and now tell us why we should or shouldn't do it."

The FCC wants specific comments on six proposals. One of them is regulatory (opening a translator filing window exclusively for AM broadcasters) and five are specific technical tweaks to the FCC rules.

I suspect many of the comments that will (or should) be filed by DXers would fall under subheading "G" - "Submission of Further Proposals."

It would be helpful, I think, for the FCC to hear specific examples from the DX community of ways in which we use skywave reception of distant AM stations for any sort of regular listening. The conventional wisdom in the engineering community right now says there's no remaining value to skywave reception. If anybody's going to tell the FCC otherwise, it's us.

It would also be EXTREMELY helpful (at least to bolster the comments I'm making, hi) to hear from DXers about the way in which a station's local or near-local groundwave reception can suffer from incoming skywave interference, especially from a station operating at relatively low power when it should be at even lower power or off the air. There is a continuing belief among broadcasters that if they wish skywave away hard enough, it will disappear, and of course we know better. The FCC needs to hear from us.

What would be less helpful, I think, are comments about how these regulatory changes will affect our ability to pursue our hobby. The FCC doesn't consider itself to be in the business of managing spectrum usage for the benefit of hobbyists (except for ham operators), and those comments will likely not be listened to.

OK, so back to filing: the "ECFS Express" provides a simple form into which text can be typed or pasted.

If you want to file a more elaborate set of comments, as I am doing, you can go to this link:

<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/upload/display?z=nh5bb>

This will bring you to the full ECFS filing page on which you can submit prepared text or attachments. If you're going to do that, it would be highly advisable to read some of the filings that have already been made to get a sense of how it's done. I would especially recommend the filing from Ron Rackley at duTreil, Lundin and Rackley -

-- you can read it here:

<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=6017583050>

as a model of a complicated filing. Yours doesn't need to be this detailed to get the FCC's attention.

Hope that helps - I'm available by e-mail to answer questions!

scott @ fybush.com s (Scott Fybush, Jan 16, ABDX via DXLD)

FCC AM comment deadline approaches --- Officially, the FCC's deadline for comments on its big Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is today, but the storm that closed DC today will probably mean a one-day extension to tomorrow. If you don't comment, there may not be another chance like this for a couple of decades. The link below includes the comments I filed today, as well as the link to file comments of your own. Have at it!

<http://www.fybush.com/nerw-extra-our-am-improvement-filing/>

(Scott Fybush, Jan 21, ibid.)

Excellent comments; you addressed the salient issues very well and I particularly like your comments concerning the "laws of physics" . It will be interesting to see what happens now (John Sampson, ibid.)

** U S A. Cumulus planning to drop Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity

By DYLAN BYERS | 7/28/13 7:59 PM EDT

[yes, it's old, but maybe some linx of interest]

In a major shakeup for the radio industry, Cumulus Media, the second-biggest broadcaster in the country, is planning to drop both Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity from its stations at the end of the year, an industry source told POLITICO on Sunday.

Cumulus has decided that it will not renew its contracts with either host, the source said, a move that would remove the two most highly rated conservative talk personalities from more than 40 Cumulus channels in major markets. . .

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/media/2013/07/cumulus-planning-to-drop-rush-limbaugh-sean-hannity-169371.html>

(via Rick Barton, AZ, Jan 21, DXLD)

Cumulus already dropped Hannity, replacing him with Michael Savage as of Jan 2 ñ (Mike Westfall, Los Alamos, NM. US AM Database, updated daily:

<http://mesamike.org/radio/cdbbs/amdb.mvc>

Jan 21, ABDX via DXLD)

Um; this is from last July. Cumulus ended up dropping Hannity, who's moved to lesser signals in most of those markets, but came to terms

with Clear Channel to keep Limbaugh on all its stations except WABC. Limbaugh now airs on WOR in NYC instead (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

** URUGUAY. 650, R. SODRE CLASICA, 15/01 0432 UT. Música clásica e identificación de la emisora. SINFO: 44433 con señal con fading permanente (Claudio Galaz, Rx: Tecsun PL-660, Antena: hilo largo de 5 metros, QTH: Poblado de Barraza Bajo, Comuna de Ovalle, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN [and non]. 15755, Jan 20 at 1415, poor signal with music, then talk, S Asian language? Aoki shows TWR from Tashkent to India, 1415-1430 M-F in Garhwali. Full transmission with other languages is 1315-1430. Not much else making it on 19m now; the only other signal in the vast wasteland between 15610 WEWN and 15825 WWCR being 15700 DW Swahili via Rwanda (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UZBEKISTAN. 9500, CVC - The Voice Asia, 1342 Jan 18, Hindi, several songs with most in a Bollywood style, woman DJ between songs, 1355 iGod bless you.î and a more contemplative song, 1359:25 off suddenly. Poor improving to good.

6260, CVC - The Voice Asia, 1400 Jan 18, English s/on with frequency announced i6-2-6-0-kiloHertzî and iWelcome to The Voice of Asia.î, into Hindi. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You may wonder why we often file these under UZBEKISTAN rather than as INDIA [non] or whatever --- quite subjective, to give UZB its due since there are no SW transmissions of its own to hear, having liquidated Radio Tashkent (gh, DXLD)

** VATICAN. Vatican Radio's Interval Signal
<https://soundcloud.com/victoribbmonitor/drm-vatican-radio-to-south>

Vatican Radio's interval signal was rearranged and the new version is in use since January 1st 2014. The above clip from the Vatican Radio DRM broadcast to S. Asia 1530-1550 UT, 15775 kHz (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, Jan 22, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WALES. "Radio Ceiliog (Radio Cockerel)" pirate radio on S4C tonight at 9:30 pm UK time --- Wales Online By Martin Shipton 20 January 2014

TV show discovers that campaigners broadcast illegal political broadcasts under the banner Radio Ceiliog (Radio Cockerel)

A group of Welsh nationalists were among the pioneers of illegal

pirate radio, a TV programme being broadcast tonight will reveal. . .
<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/how-group-welsh-nationalists-became-6527184>

(via Mike Terry, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

The programme was on last night but is available on the S4C web site:
http://www.s4c.co.uk/clic/e_level2.shtml?programme_id=514878351

The item about Radio Ceilog starts 11 minutes into the programme.
Its all in Welsh with a few old photos at the start (Dave Kenny, Jan 21, *ibid.*)

I try it: ``subtitles are available`` but then ``stream not found``;
and ``expires in 34 days``. Evidently like BBC TV, banned outside the
UK, without even the courtesy of an explanation. What is S4C, anyway?
The only Welsh-language TV channel in the world, apparently a
cooperative between BBC and ITV. Then howcum the default language on
the website is English? but one may switch to Welsh:

``Amdanom ni

S4C yw'r unig sianel deledu Cymraeg yn byd. Fel darlledwr gwasanaeth
cyhoeddus, mae'n comisiynu cwmnïau cynhyrchu annibynnol yng Nghymru i
wneud y rhan fwyaf o'i raglenni. Mae ITV Cymru hefyd yn cael ei
gomisiynu i gynhyrchu rhaglenni. Mae BBC Cymru yn cynhyrchu tua deg
awr yr wythnos o raglenni ar gyfer S4C, gan gynnwys y newyddion a'r
ddrama ddyddiol Pobol y Cwm, wedi'u hariannu o ffi'r drwydded.

Mae S4C yn darlledu dros 115 awr o raglenni bob wythnos - o chwaraeon,
drama a cherddoriaeth i ffeithiol, adloniant a digwyddiadau - ar
wahanol llwyfannau, gan gynnwys y we. Mae S4C yn cynnig gwasanaethau
helaeth ar gyfer plant: Cyw ar gyfer y gwylwyr iau, Stwnsh ar gyfer
plant hy^n a rhaglenni ar gyfer plant a phobl ifanc yn eu harddegau.

Ers Ebrill 2013, mae'r rhan fwyaf o gyllid S4C yn dod o'r ffi
drwydded, trwy Ymddiriedolaeth y BBC, gyda chanran o'n cyllid yn dod
o'r Adran dros Ddiwylliant, y Cyfryngau a Chwaraeon (DCMS) llywodraeth
Prydain . Mae hefyd gan S4C rai pwerau i gynhyrchu incwm masnachol, er
enghraifft trwy werthu hysbysebion.`` (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

I get a "stream not found" error message. Are you sure the URL is
right? Regards, (R my Friess, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Stream works fine here - maybe S4C player does not work outside the
UK? But there are no subtitles in English, despite there being a
subtitle button (Alan Pennington, Moderator, *ibid.*)

The default website language on S4C for me is Welsh but I can switch

to English. I also get English subtitles using Firefox on XP so wonder if it's a problem on some browsers/operating systems. It does use Flash so perhaps that needs checking as to whether it's up to date, mine prompted me to update last week which I did. They also mention a beta service. The catch up service is called Clic. If you check questions about Clic there's an explanation about worldwide rights. http://www.s4c.co.uk/clic/e_faqs.shtml

There's an available worldwide button on the left currently showing just two programmes available (Mike Barraclough, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. 5915, ZNBC, 0310 Jan 17, vernacular, nice African hi-life music, male announcer. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5915, Zambia Nat. B.C.:

Jan 17 1600-1611, 23332, vernacular, fish eagle IS, Announce by man, Repeated blows of the drum, Talk and local music.

Jan 19 1600-1611, 33333, vernacular, fish eagle IS, announce by man, repeated blows of the drum, talk and afro pops (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellite 750, DE-1121, ANT 70m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, Jan 18 at 2055, ZBC with enjoyable Ungujan music, 2100 crowd noise and pull plug at 2100:45*; was fair signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 4880, SWR Africa, 1820 Jan 11 quite strong today with S9 signal. Heard also ID (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, using the standard rig of R75 and 16 in[verted?] V antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Via SOUTH AFRICA

4880, SOUTH AFRICA, SWR Africa in English, S=9+10dB, b u t heavily jammed by SCRATCHY audio from Zimbabwe on 4876.2 to 4883.9 kHz range! (Wolfgang B.schel, log on Ceylon [sic] island, Jan 18 at 17-18 UT slot using Victor Goonetilleke's Perseus remote receiver, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 12105, Dialogue, 1635 Jan 11 with talks between man and woman in vernacular and English and mentioning Maala and a website, S7 (Zacharias Liangas, Thessaloniki, Greece, using the standard rig of R75 and 16 in[verted?] V antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12105, 18/1 1640, R. Dialogue - Bulawayo, English ID e mx afro, buono; <http://www.radiodialogue.com>
(Roberto Pavanello, Italy, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Trans-Atlantic MW carrier search provoked, once I hear the Saudi 1521 het upon much closer 1520 KOKC, Jan 18 at 0113 UT. In next few minutes, carriers also audible on: 1503, 1422, 1296, 1215, 1152, 1125, 1053, 1044, 909, 891, 882, 684, 666. Strongest was 1215, presumably UK as some of the others too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. TP carrier search, Jan 21 at 1335 UT: JBA on 594, 693, 747, 828, all likely NHK altho no 774 at the moment. Today's Enid sunrise: 1340 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. QR-Ham on 668 kHz --- As I came into the room and picked up the R-911 Receiver and tuned to WFAN 660 kHz: there is Morse Code in the direction of SW or NE from location FN31nl. An obvious recheck in order with the PL-310 and 1 kHz bandwidth confirms maximum signal on 668 kHz. The general bandwidth of QRM is wide on the cheap set perhaps +/- 10 kHz. On the PL-310 DSP set standard BW of 3 kHz indicates reception up to 680 kHz. 670 kHz is still quiet as Chicago hasn't kicked in yet.

Time 2345 UT and still on-going with brief pauses. Now drifting up to 669 kHz max reception (Paul S. in CT, 2254 UT Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So time should have been 2245 UT (gh)

Further investigation of the signal indicates a strong signal on the NDB (Beacon) band at 333 kHz, and on Int'l B'cast band on 166 kHz. I believe the 166 kHz to 169 kHz region has some amateur activity. Also found a harmonics on 1002 kHz and weak on 1332 kHz (Paul S. in CT, FN31nl, 2321 UT June 19, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3935, 1213, a short excerpt of music from a popular television series or movie cannot remember which, played repeatedly with brief intervals of silence in between, something like an IS, heard one of the hams comment on it 18 Jan (XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 3945, but AIR Gorakhpur suspected, 1235 to 1245, subcontinental music under hams, stronger signal than from Vanuatu, which should be off the air by this time anyway, possible reactivation of the Indian? 16 Jan (XM, Cedar Key, S Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E5, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's likely R. Nikkei which runs later than this now on weekdays, as explained some weeks ago in DXLD (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4817.8, UnID strong carrier with some weak audio 2340 to 2350 10 Jan (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4863.74, hum on signal distorted 2310 to 2350 on 15 Jan (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, Icom 746Pro, R8, Sony 2010XM, longwire antennas, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4870, Decent OC suddenly came on at 1259:10. No audio and still going at 1307 tune/out. Creating a het with 4869.92 RRI Wamena. What could this have been?? (19 Jan.) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus and Wellbrook ALA1530S+, Cumbre DX yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4875-LSB, Jan 21 at 0106, radiogram tones in some beepy digital mode, weak signal on LSB, not USB, probably a MARS net (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4985, Jan 17 at 2309 and still Jan 18 at 0059 check, heavy RTTY is back here blocking broadcasters, after a few days off. Hope people got them while the getting was good (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6125/USB, UNID fishing boats; 0019, 19-Jan; sounds somewhat southern; one boat has 500 hooks out (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N beverage + 85' TTFD, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) More QRM for URUGUAY and Spain

UNIDENTIFIED. 6926 or so, Jan 17 at 2312, heavy music on SSB, but hard to tune properly with no carrier. Closest thing to a pirate log in over a week here, not much activity noted evenings on the 43-metre band. This thread agrees it was Radio Ga Ga on 6925.1-USB:
<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,14976.0.html>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7170, 18/Jan 0209, signal of 1 kHz. No signal from SDR Twente. Good signal in my QTH. Ham? (Jorge Freitas, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7170, 19/Jan, 0105 UNID. Today with an unbroken hooter. Does not seem be an ham. Fair signal in AM. Follows the hooter without interruption at 0133. Attached the graph of two SDR from Australia. Recording of listening in
<http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006/29754383>
(Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14YS 38 58YW - ibid.)

Seems like it's two continuous tones, sort of like a vuvuzela but with little variation (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, boa noite. Mais um dia com a transmiss,,o dessa UNID que eu n,,o

consigo saber quando inicia a transmiss,,o e quando termina.
Inicialmente eu pensei ser um radioamador, mas os dias seguintes indicam que n,,o se trata disso, pelo menos É o que eu penso. Ontem e hoje a transmiss,,o segue com uma buzina ininterrupta. Agora s,,o 0243 de 20/Jan e aqui est· a transmiss,,o. H· um sinal muito fraco no gr·fico do SDR Twente, em aproximadamente 7169 kHz. No anexo de ontem havia indicaÁ,,o de transmiss,,o em dois SDR na Austr·lia e consultando esses SDR agora a noite o traÁo de portadora nessa frequênciA existe. VocÍ tem alguma ideia do que seja? Terminei de escrever o email as 0249 e a transmiss,,o continua. Um abraÁo, (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia, 12 14XS 38 58W - Brasil, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jorge, 7170 used to be one of the frequencies Eritrea would use, jumping around below 7200. Time would be about right for that. {If only a tone, that could be jamming from or to Ethiopia as well.} Also see DXLD 12-48, BRAZIL, reports of a pirate relaying broadcasters on 7170. 73, (Glenn to Jorge, via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9690, Jan 17 at 2153-2200+ open carrier; good signal, figure it's WRMI losing modulation from Brother Scare who is still bloviating on 9955 and 11825; until check of schedule showing 9690 ending at 2100. Still could be WRMI transmitter still/again on for some reason, as recently had additional BS broadcast starting at 2200. Per Aoki, only thing else scheduled is RAE, Argentina at 17-24 weekdays to Europe, but I seriously doubt its 9690 is really on the air, as never heard or reported, unlike // 15345v. If 9690 is on, it's not reaching much beyond S America (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9875, Testing OC suddenly on at 1228. 1 kHz test tone off and on a number of times to 1231, and then changing the frequency of the test tone in increments (all the way up as high as 5 kHz) at varying speeds. Pretty to see on the Perseus display!! Back to straight OC at 1236. Tone back on at 1240, then changing the tone frequency in increments again about 30 seconds later. OC again 1242. Went off at 1244 without any announcement. Signal has the characteristic of an Asian. Fairly strong. Who?? I find it interesting that AIR Bengaluru with Vividh Bharati came on 9870 just 2 minutes after this went off with about the exact same strength. Here's a link to the screenshot if you'd like to see what it looked like <https://app.box.com/s/lk7q3qcvk6ypkfvfytxl> (19 Jan.) (Dave Valko, Dunlo, PA, USA, Perseus and Wellbrook ALA1530S+, Cumbre DX yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11740, at 1536 with a woman with news about Africa and African women then a man at 1538 in a local language then back to the woman at 1539 talking about the news and an Army security agency then lost to noise by 1543 ñ Poor but peaking to Fair Jan 19 (Steven

Handler, Buffalo Grove, IL, Icom R-75 Tecsun PL-660 and 10 meter indoor dipole Sangean ANT-60, ODXA YRX via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15360, UNID. XMTR. RFE/RL, 1721-1758, a male announcer, iThis is Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty, Praha! then tone? over and over until 1758 when the loop ends, the carrier remains but no audio. I thought perhaps this was a placeholder for ESAT via Kostinbrod, Bulgaria scheduled to sign on in Amharic at 1800 GMT but no signal heard, listened until 1805 and nothing. What I forgot to do is check all frequencies between 15360 and 15390 to see if it was using one of its other frequencies. 01-18-14 (Steve Handler, Buffalo Grove IL, Icom IC-7200, Tecsun PL-660, wire antennas, NASWA Flashsheet Jan 19 via DXLD) But next day he heard ESAT on 15360 during previous hour; see ETHIOPIA [non]

UNIDENTIFIED. 17870, Sat Jan 18 at 1603, somewhat weaker than 17850 Oromo Voice, another African language (with VOA Radiogram intervening on 17860), assumed I could look it up later, but nothing fits exactly. Continued on past 1630, unlike 17850 and 17630 stations; see ETHIOPIA.

If this were Friday instead of Saturday, 17870 could be list-logged as R. Xoriyo Ogaden, 50 kW, 195 degrees via Bulgaria, 1600-1630 Mon & Fri in Somali, per Aoki. Also if it were M-F, the station after 1630 would be BBC Kinyarwanda/Kirundi, 100 kW, 7 degrees via SOUTH AFRICA. Maybe one or the other has changed schedule or expanded. BBC typically does this on weekends especially if there is an important sports event.

17870, Sunday Jan 19 at 1601, no signal here unlike Saturday; also absent are 17860 VOA and 17850 Oromo Voice, silent Sundays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Answer: See RWANDA [non]!

UNIDENTIFIED. 17895, Unidentified - DRM like - digital data block of 11 kHz wide set on top of BSKSA Riyadh Arabic at 0610 UT Jan 19. Couldn't decode that with Dream software tool. Maybe parked some Sudanese scratchy jamming transmitter unit? (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Maybe All India Radio testing, to use this frequency later in DRM (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 20335, broadcast mixing product, 1517 UT, v poor (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, Social Media Co-ordinator #KresySiberia, Jan 22, harmonics yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11 meter, 27125 - Pirate? Am here in the desert southwest, hearing a station for the past half hour, broadcasting a relay of UNID broadcasting station. Not local, can hear shifts in signal from ionospheric propagation. On as I am writing this, fyi (Rick Barton, AZ, 2239 UT Jan 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Very weak here in NY (Andy O'Brien, 2241 UT, ibid.)

That's CB channel 14. Propagation has been very good recently. The CB frequencies are full of extremely strong signals on my Sony ICF-2010 fed with an indoor wire. They are undoubtedly strong due to stations running massive illegal power (Dennis Gibson, WB6TNB, ABDX via DXLD)

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#### UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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Glenn: I found a nice tool to learn when a new edition of World of Radio has become available via your website. For example, last week I learned (via email) that edition 1704 became available approximately at 9:20 AM ET. It is called "femtoo". The user receives an email when the webpage has become updated. A basic account is free and can be located at:

<http://femtoo.com/>

This could be useful for people such as myself who want to be notified when a new episode is available. I was wondering if you have any news on making WOR available again as a podcast? Best (Charles Harlich, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes! Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club. See [http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com\\_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de](http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de) (gh)

No contributions received lately:

by PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com not necessarily in US funds

by US\$ check or MO on a US bank to:

World of Radio, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702 (WORLD OF RADIO 1705)

#### PUBLICATIONS

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Re: On-line frequency database?

I'm trying to get back to the habit of twirling the dial looking for broadcast station DX. A Google search for on-line web sites that one can enter a frequency and get back a list of possible stations produced quite a few out of date sites. Can someone suggest sites that are regularly updated/accurate? (Andy O'Brien, NY, Jan 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

My favorite:

<http://short-wave.info/>  
(Terry L Krueger, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I've already debunked this with a random example of totally wrong listings. And look what it admits now on the homepage: ``Your search produced 79 results and took 0.469 Seconds. Database dated 9 Dec 13.``

I.e. it's the Aoki database, which you would be much better off looking at live, for today's update, tho without the bells & whistles. 73, (Glenn, Jan 21, to Terry, via DXLD)

#### POPULAR COMMUNICATIONS FUTURE

On 1/8/2014 11:58 PM, Les Rayburn wrote:

``But I think we need to keep a few things in mind as Popular Communications goes through its changes. These changes affect employees at CQ in a "real world" way that may go beyond their hobby. And two, Popular Communications has served the hobby radio scene well and faithfully for over thirty years. That alone should buy them the consideration of radio hobbyists.``

For going on 15 years now, I've worked in the same industry as CQ. I've lived through the closure of a publication I edited (The Radio Journal), and believe me, I know the real-world effects it can have on an employee's life when a publication is going through changes like this.

I've also been a freelance writer for numerous radio publications (and some outside of radio, too) - and so I'm especially sympathetic to the travails of a freelancer working for a financially shaky publication. It's my understanding that PopComm had effectively stopped paying its writers a year or so ago, while still promising payment.

I'm not, therefore, especially inclined to cut CQ much (if any) slack when it comes to having "served the hobby radio scene well and faithfully," or being worth my continued "consideration."

I'm deeply sympathetic to the travails that publishers face these days when it comes to making a business succeed in a world that wants everything for free. But - and this is a very big BUT - that sympathy only applies, in my mind, when the publisher is honest about what's going on.

If CQ had acknowledged it wasn't going to pay its writers, and had asked them to keep writing for free, and had the writers been willing to do so voluntarily, that's one thing. But they didn't, and as a freelancer there's nothing worse than expecting to be able to pay a

bill on the basis of an incoming payment, only to find there's no payment forthcoming.

If CQ had openly acknowledged that it was going to have to shut down PopComm, and had notified its subscribers accordingly and been clear about refund policies and replacements, that's one thing. But they didn't do that, either, and they've been rather less than forthcoming about what's really happening. My bosses at Radio Journal/100000watts.com, by contrast, announced two months ahead of time that publication would be ceasing, and what would be replacing those offerings for subscribers. That's how you do that - and remember, I'm saying that even as someone who's been unemployed for two years now as a result!

``A lot of publications, including our own DXN are making the transition into the digital world--and it's bound to have a few bumps in the road. I, for one, am willing to wait and see what the new digital edition of CQ Magazine's "Plus" feature brings to me both as a radio hobbyist, and an active VHF operator. I'm losing two paper favorites in this transition, but I'm willing to trust that CQ will find a way to make a solid digital publication. Let's keep an open mind and see what the future holds.``

Sorry, but no. I cut a ton of slack for DXN, VUD and other true hobby publications that are run as volunteer endeavors rather than as businesses.

But whatever trust CQ earned over many years of quality publication of PopComm (and I say this having been a subscriber since 1984!) has evaporated in recent months as the magazine has continued to arrive late or not at all. Even then, I'd have kept an open mind and given them trust had they been straight with us about what was going on behind the scenes. Instead, they've fed out story after story about how everything's just fine. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice (Scott Fybush, Jan 9, NRC-AM via DXLD)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY  
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Glenn Hauser, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

Greetings. As a long-time IRCA member, former BOD member, and active domestic MW DXer, I am eager to participate in DX Monitor. Unfortunately, my method of reporting logs is incompatible with the desires of the current CDXR editor to make them as concise and formatted as possible. So I have given up sending my logs there. I spend a lot of time researching and writing my logs, each one a potential learning experience, and what I hear or find may also lead

to the expression of an opinion. Just-the-facts 1 or 2-liners I find rather boring.

If anyone would like to read my original logs (which are all in UT, not the imaginary and shifttable ``ELT``), please bookmark these sources. I compile them weekly.

In the IRCA mailing list, archived here with open access:  
<http://www.mail-archive.com/irca@hard-core-dx.com/maillist.html>  
or subscribe and participate if you are not doing so already.

The corresponding domestic DX column in NRC DX News publishes my logs with much less condensing.

All my MW DX reports starting August 2011 are archived in this forum with open access:  
<http://forums.wtfda.org/showthread.php?6543-MW-DX-from-Enid-OK-by-Glenn-Hauser/page19>

MW logs are included in my daily all-band reports:  
<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser>

And compiled weekly along with extensive SW, MW and other DX news from many other individuals and publications in DX LISTENING DIGEST:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/dxldmid.html>

73, (Glenn Hauser, DX Forum, IRCA DX Monitor Dec 21 via DXLD)

Eric Bueneman (N5UIH), 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood, Missouri 63042-1347:

I read, with interest, Glenn Hauser's Forum in Issue 51-15 about time zones in reporting DX to the domestic DX columns. Ever since I joined my first MW (AM) BCB DX club over 30 years ago, I've used ELT to report my domestic logs to the various columns over the years. UTC is NOT USED in domestic DX reporting in IRCA or NRC.

I also seriously dispute Glenn's assertion that ELT is "mythical". It is NOT. ELT is an abbreviation for Eastern Local Time; it's the local time in the Eastern Time Zone, which is standard reporting procedure for my column (Eastern DX Roundup) and the columns edited by John and Nancy. I also use Eastern Local Time in reporting my DX to John.

Eastern Local Time is also the time zone NRC uses in its domestic DX columns. The standard of using ELT to report domestic DX has been in use since the earliest days of the broadcast band DX hobby. At this time of the year, ELT is five hours earlier than UTC; during the months Daylight Savings Time is in use, ELT is four hours earlier than UTC. All year round, ELT is one hour later than the local time in

Hazelwood (which is also the same local time as Enid, OK), and three hours later than the Pacific Coast states and provinces.

UTC is only used for reporting international DX; I use that standard for DX Worldwide East, reporting DX to DX Worldwide West, and for reporting my shortwave radio loggings to NASWA. The only club in which I use my local time, Central Local Time (CLT), for column reports is WTFDA. The editors of the FM and TV DX columns in WTFDA allow reporters flexibility in the time zone used for reports. At this time of the year, CLT is six hours earlier than UTC; when Daylight Savings [sic] time is in effect, it's five hours earlier. It's all a matter of adding or subtracting hours to your reports. In my shack, I have five different analog clocks; a 24-hour analog clock for UTC, and four 12-hour analog clocks for each U.S. time zone (Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific).

Using ELT for domestic AM BCB DX, UTC for international BCB DX, and CLT for FM and TV DX offers me a way to keep my logs organized. All of my non-shortwave logbooks have times in Central Local Time; all I have to do is make the necessary adjustments for each instance. The use of one uniform time zone for domestic AM BCB DX reduces confusion; it would be a bit confusing if, for instance, we had to report our DX to WDXR in Pacific Local Time (PLT) or CDXR in either Mountain Local Time (MLT) or Central Local Time (CLT). I hope this clears up some of the confusion about reporting DX in the proper time indicated. 73.

Richard Evans, Apt. 4, 3908 Grand Oak Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana  
46237-4694:

When I was putting Glennís Forum into DXF, I felt his problem was with CDXR and its requirements for submissions, not with ELT reporting. The ELT/UTC comment was when he mentioned that his particular websites also used UTC, not ELT which he considered imaginary and shiftable.

That said, the ELT question pops up once in a while and while people can get a little upset over it, it has been the standard since the late 1960ís. When I joined IRCA in March, 1965 (and NRC in June, 1965), the club standards were to use Eastern Standard time in the domestic columns. I donít remember what the foreign columns used but it might have been the same. Until the Uniform Time Act came into existence in 1966, each community in the country could decide whether or not to observe daylight time. As a result, since farmers preferred standard time, it was not unusual for a city or town to use daylight time, while the rest of the county did not. For reporting purposes, it was just easier for the clubs to stay with EST all year around.

The Uniform Time Act provided that each state would either use daylight time in the whole state or exempt itself from it. At that

point, the only states I know which did NOT observe daylight time was Arizona, Hawaii and Michigan. In 1967, enough people in Michigan signed petitions to go daylight time they had to make the switch at 2am on a Tuesday morning. (I did the joy of trying to tell truckers how to handle the time switch on their log sheets -- I told them to stay with EST until the weekend when they didn't work and it would catch up with itself, hi.) In 1970, Indiana voted out of daylight time which set up the two corners of the state to be an hour behind the states to the west of those corners. That is, northwest Indiana where I lived at the time, would be an hour behind Chicago, about a 15-20 minute drive away. Result was that area said it were going ahead anyway.

The area near Cincinnati and Louisville also said they would go ahead also to be in synch with the major commercial/employment areas in their region. The final result was the Indiana Amendment to the Uniform Time Act. In 2005, Indiana agreed to go with Daylight time (still not that popular in the state) leaving Arizona and Hawaii as the two states not observing daylight time as well as some of the U.S. possessions in the middle Pacific. In checking, parts of Arizona located in the Navajo Nation territory does observe daylight time.

With this, it does make sense to use the ELT in our logs/reporting as far as I am concerned. It makes a level playing field with all understanding which time we are talking about. Back in the days of after midnight testing, using any other time listing put some tests being shown ahead of midnight which would not make sense. Also, now when showing program notes, a specific program will run at the same time of the day, EST or ELT (say 10am or 8pm) whether it is daylight time or standard time so one can look at a bulletin regardless of the date of it and understand that is going on. For myself, I have lived in both Eastern time (Mich, Ind, Penn and SC) and Central time (Ind and Wisc) and have always kept my logs on Eastern time.

I spent 38 years in the trucking industry, some of it dispatching truck drivers so I have no problems converting time zones in my head. Personally, I don't like daylight time. I've probably worked the equivalent of about 35 years on evenings or midnight shifts so I have no use for an extra hour of daylight in the evenings. I have enough problems adjusting my sleep at the time change. Enough of my soap box.  
73 (IRCA DX Monitor Jan 18 via DXLD

As you can see from my original comments, the main issue was not about timezones but with the editor throwing out or severely editing most of my submitted logs. He had already agreed to convert times to ``ELT`` of the logs he did use.

The ``problem`` is, I approach DXing with North America part of the

whole World, where UT is the standard, while most domestic MW DXers have little if any interest in foreign DX.

News for you: time is an absolute quantity, and I will absolutely report it only in UT, not worry about whether it's ST or DST, EST or EDT or ELT, CLT or CST or CDT, etc. It is totally less confusing to keep everything UT rather than two other timezones depending on what time of year it is (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See also OKLAHOMA; REF: FCC below  
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[Re 14-02:] "IBOC Updates, Part 2: I have reason to believe may have dropped IBOC..."

Glenn: -- As we speak, I am in Phoenix, where IBOC hash continues to garnish KMVP/860, for what it's worth. Other IBOCers here include KFYI/550, KTAR/620, KGME/910 and KOY/1230.

Recent trips to remote receivers revealed NO IBOC on WSUA/1260 [Miami FL], or WOL/1450 [Washington DC]. I could be wrong, but I don't believe WQXI/790 [Atlanta GA] has done IBOC for several years now. 73z (GREG HARDISON, AZ, 0655 UT Jan 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See GUAM; INDIA; VATICAN; UNID 17895  
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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM  
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IS THIS THING ON?  
By Stan Alcorn Jan 15, 2014

With a community of creators uncomfortable with the value of virality, an audience content to watch grainy dashcam videos, and platforms that discourage sharing, is a hit-machine for audio possible? And is it something anyone even wants?  
<http://digg.com/originals/why-audio-never-goes-viral>  
(via Rich Cuff, internetradio via DXLD)

At least check out the cool Rube-Goldberg animation at the top (gh, DXLD)

WebSDR in Europe

If anyone is interested in hearing what the medium wave and longwave broadcast bands sound like in Europe, there is a WebSDR set up by the University of Twente in the Netherlands that you can listen to for

free.

It is a wideband SDR that covers all the way down to VLF and is the only one I could find that covers the medium wave band over there for free. All the other WebSDRs seem to only tune the Ham Bands.

The Netherlands is located just West of Germany and across the water from the UK so there are several English stations to listen to as well as German, French and Spanish among others. I like listening to Absolute Radio 1215 from the UK. So far I haven't been able to hear any U.S. stations so I wonder if any members may have an idea of some good ones to look for? I imagine some NYC 50 KW stations like WABC or WCBS might have a chance of making it over the water? Nothing heard yet in the U.S. expanded band 1600-1700 kHz which is not used over there.

The radio has several nice features with plenty of adjustable bandwidths, different modes, a waterfall display and it even will tell you what you are listening to just below the waterfall display. The radio has a wideband active antenna mounted near the roof of a building and the reception is exceptionally quiet and sensitive. Due to the unique nature of SDR radios several hundred users can listen to the radio simultaneously. A very cool setup!

It would be nice if someone would set up a similar WebSDR radio over here in the U.S. somewhere. You will require a high-speed line and Java to use the radio. Some users may need to lower their Java security settings to accept their applets. Here is the address to the radio :

<http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901/>  
73 - (Todd WD4NGG Roberts, ABDX via DXLD)

Sony's SRF-39FP Radio: The iPod of Prison : The New Yorker

[http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/elements/2014/01/the-ipod-of-prison-sony-radio.html?utm\\_source=www&utm\\_medium=tw&utm\\_campaign=20140116&mobify=0](http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/elements/2014/01/the-ipod-of-prison-sony-radio.html?utm_source=www&utm_medium=tw&utm_campaign=20140116&mobify=0)

## THE IPOD OF PRISON

In early 2005, Josh Demmitt arrived at a federal prison camp, in Sheridan, Oregon, to serve a thirty-month sentence for starting a fire outside an animal-testing facility at Brigham Young University. The nineteen-year-old received a warm welcome from his fellow inmates, who greeted him with coffee and cigarettes, advice on procuring vegan meals, and a pocket AM/FM radio.

The radio provided hours of welcome distraction for Demmitt, who had

come from Sheridan's adjoining detention center, where, he says, he spent weeks without a radio while confined to a small cell for at least twenty-three hours a day. The radio was unlike any Demmitt had seen outside prison, with a transparent plastic body that revealed the landscape within: a single AA battery rested at the bottom of its circuit board, while its antenna—one and three quarter inches of copper wire coiled around a small ferrite bar—peeked through a white Sony logo, just above the AM/FM dial.

The pocket analog radio, known by the bland model number SRF-39FP, is a Sony "ultralight" model manufactured for prisons. Its clear housing is meant to prevent inmates from using it to smuggle contraband, and, at under thirty dollars, it is the most affordable Sony radio on the prison market.

That market consists of commissaries, which were established by the Department of Justice in 1930 to provide prisoners with items not supplied by their institutions; by offering a selection of shampoos and soaps, they shifted personal hygiene costs to inmates, while distractions like playing cards eased tensions among the nation's growing prison population. More than half a million inmates each week shop at commissaries stocked by the Keefe Group, a privately held company that sells items to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and twelve out of fourteen privately managed state departments of corrections. A sample commissary order form lists items like an I.B.M. typewriter ribbon, hair dye, RC Cola, Sensodyne toothpaste, chili-garlic sauce, Koss CL-20 headphones, and a Sony Radio.

Commissaries often carry other, bargain-brand radios, but according to former inmates and employees of the Bureau of Prisons and the Keefe Group, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, America's federal prisoners are most likely to own a Sony. Melissa Dolan, a Sony spokesperson, confirmed in an e-mail that selling portable radios in American prisons has long been a "stable business" that represents "sizeable" sales for the company. Of the models available, the SRF-39FP remains an undisputed classic, still found on commissary lists an impressive fifteen years after its initial release, making it nearly as common behind prison walls as Apple's iPod once was outside of them, despite competition from newer devices like digital radios and MP3 players.

But sheer availability doesn't explain its ubiquity. The SRF-39FP is the gold standard among prison radios in part because it runs on a single AA battery, and offers forty hours of listening time—longer than an iPod Classic. Digital models can require twice as many batteries, like the Sony SRF-M35FP, which runs on two AAAs. Federal inmates are particularly attuned to battery life because they are allowed to spend just three hundred and twenty dollars each month on

commissary goods; more cash spent on batteries means less for snacks, stationery, clothing, and toiletries.

The importance of radio battery life in prison communities cannot be overstated; the devices are relied on for more than listening to music, hearing about local news and weather, and watching television (TV sets in common areas often use transmitters to broadcast sound on a dedicated frequency). A study conducted at San Vittore prison in Milan, Italy, found that in a place where privacy is constantly denied, radio becomes a vital tool for building and maintaining one's private self. Some inmates even had a term for using their radio to create a bubble of personal space: I headphone myself, one said.

There is also a bit of prison culture itself at work in the story of the SRF-39FP. Radios like the one that was loaned to Demmitt are usually left behind by inmates who have reentered the free world. Some prisoners believe that it is bad luck for radios to leave prison with their owners, while others believe that taking them simply violates the convict code, according to former inmates like Demmitt and Steven Grayson, author of *The Unauthorized Federal Prison Manual*. Whether radios are abandoned as a matter of solidarity, convenience, or good karma, they pass from inmate to inmate, serving one sentence after another. The durable, analog SRF-39FPs have been changing hands in this manner for a decade and a half, which adds up to a lot of radios in circulation.

This practice helps explain the relative rarity of the SRF-39FP outside prisons. A unit in good condition can fetch up to double or triple its retail value among enthusiasts and collectors like Gary DeBock, a co-founder of the Ultralight Radio Group. According to DeBock, the outside supply depends upon stock siphoned from the California prison system and sold on auction sites like eBay.

DeBock is a member of the DXing community, whose hobbyists attempt to pick up distant radio or television signals, including those from amateur or pirate radio stations. (DX is shorthand for distant stations.) DeBock's fascination with the SRF-39FP began when he realized that it could receive AM signals from places as distant as Japan and Korea at his home in Puyallup, Washington. Since then, I've probably had more exposure to the SRF-39FP than anyone else who has managed to stay out of prison, DeBock said.

Others in the online DXing community argue that the SRF-39FP is superior to virtually every other pocket analog radio, praising it for its large tuning thumbwheel, over-all sensitivity and audio quality, and, above all, its reputed indestructibility. Electronics and radio collectors also marvel at features that are normally associated with professional equipment rather than consumer goods: in particular, an

exceptional single-integrated-circuit receiver that insures reception in remote locationsóor deep within heavy prison walls. In fact, the SRF-39FP was one of the first radios to use the breakthrough CXA1129N integrated-circuit chip, considered by DeBock to be the primary innovation among Sony pocket radios; it helped make the SRF-39FP the smallest and most sophisticated in a line of pocket radios that had launched two decades earlier, in the late nineteen-seventies.

In recent years, Sony has opted to shift its prison-radio lineup away from analog, focussing instead on digital models like the SRF-M35FP. Last year, the Bureau of Prisons decided that it was time to further upgrade prison tech. Following a successful test at the same West Virginia federal prison camp where Martha Stewart spent five months for lying about a stock sale, prison officials began selling MP3 players that allow inmates to download songs at terminals in prison commissaries.

A Bureau of Prisons spokesperson said that the MP3 program wasn't expected to make money in its early years. Price is one reason: the MP3 player sold in federal prisons costs roughly three times as much as an SRF-39FP, and downloads can cost up to a dollar and fifty-five cents per song. Limited song selection is another reason; the Bureau of Prisons prohibits songs deemed explicit or likely to incite the inmate population. (JPay, a company that provides services to inmates, boasts that, with its catalogue of ten million songs, no other music service in corrections offers as many tracks for download.î) However, despite modest expectations for the technology upgrade, the Bureau of Prisons spokesperson Ed Ross said that more than fifty per cent of federal inmates have already bought MP3 players. It seems inevitable that the MP3 player will soon completely eclipse radios like the SRF-39FP in American prisons, just as they did outside, but for now both devices are woven into prison life.

Josh Demmitt left his Oregon prison camp in May, 2007, two and a half years after he had arrived. While his radio didn't come back with him to suburban Utah, within a matter of weeks he bought his first iPod.

Joshua Hunt is a freelance journalist who has reported on business, technology, and sports in Japan for the New York Times.

Illustration by Matthew Hollister (via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

There was a JOHN Demmitt, prisoner in Pennsylvania interested in DXing we used to hear from by P-mail, but not for years now; any relation? (gh, DXLD)

Lee Reynolds laughing\_spam\_fritter -- Quote - "The importance of radio battery life in prison communities cannot be overstated"

Yah, quite apart from the radio you also need batteries for tat rigs and sparking if you're in a prison where smoking' s forbidden.

And a radio is an excellent piece of camouflage/pretext for having batteries around in your cell if you're into either of the above. (Lee Reynolds, (Who had the dubious pleasure of seven years as a Corrections Officer), ibid.)

#### SITUATIONAL AWARENESS - APRS

Many of us monitor the shortwave and vhf / uhf bands just for the enjoyment of it. Some want to be situationally aware of what is going on around them, or in the world at large. Being on the receiving end is fun and can be done in so so many ways. Even with the best of receiving shacks, it isn't possible to catch it all in real time and to discover some of those interesting ones that you might have wanted to know about. Groups sharing their experience makes it even better, such as done in this forum.

For example: Did you know that there are public folks like you and me that post their Geiger counter radiation readings to internet radiation map sites? Some of those stations will also put a Geiger counter in their vehicle and when driving around and on trips, transmit those Geiger counter readings to those same radiation map sites.

Ham radio operators not only enjoy voice communications from their base, portable and mobile stations, but may also support other interests not ham radio to the ham radio world using various digital systems.

One is called APRS - Automatic Packer Reporting System  
<http://www.aprs.org/>

For example when I operate my ham radio mobile and operate on the Hf, Vhf and Uhf bands, some of the options I use improve my ability to operate in varying conditions and to gather or provide information I might not have normally done. Such as using a Kenwood system called SkyCommand that lets me operate my equipment from a walkie talkie.

With the HT I can operate on the shortwave bands receiving and transmitting. On foot one can get to areas that you can't drive to, and of course those emergency communications can be important. The flexibility contributes to Situational Awareness not only for operator, but for all those that listen in. Those kind of transmissions can be listened to on the linking frequencies used in the Vhf / Uhf bands, but of course also on the shortwave ham radio

frequencies.

In the case of the radiation detection and reporting, it can be interfaced while out and about driving in the mobile. Frequently I do trips between Indiana and Tennessee. On those trips I feed my Geiger Counter Counts Per Minute (CPM) to online radiation maps. One of those maps traces my route in real time and provides those readings as a station icon that has the cpm readings from the areas where the reading is taking while mobile.

APRS is also used to broadcast my position and also provides a back up to my position during that activity. One day I am hoping to interface the Geiger Counter directly to the APRS and provide the CPM readings that way too.

Monitoring APRS in your local area on 144.39 in the US of A, can provide you activity that could affect you in real time. Faster than what you would get over TV and Radio.

From time to time I post my trip activity with frequencies I tend to use. If there is interest, I can post those events to this forum.

Radiation Maps:

<http://www.radiationnetwork.com/> - this site shows my mobile and relocates on this map as I drive. CPM is also shown.

<http://www.blackcatsystems.com/RadMap/map.html>

- this site is also fed my mobile data, but doesn't move the station Icon as I drive. It uses uR/hr as a unit of measure.

Both sites have their uses, and can be very informative. 73 from (Bill - WD8ARZ - Stamps, South Bend, Indiana - Some of the times :-] SWL mailing list via DXLD)

FCC MUST GET BACK INTO THE INSPECTION BUSINESS

<http://www.radioworld.com/article/weiner-fcc-must-get-back-into-inspection-biz-/223133>

(via Allan Dunn, K1UCY, 15 Jan, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Strongly agree that IBOC has been a dismal failure and should be removed from service in the AM band. The other recommendation that should be strongly considered is the enforcement of FCC Part 15 rules. Interference levels have more than tripled here in just the past few years. Much of it caused by poorly designed "Wall Wart" switching type power supplies.

In the 1950's through the 1990's, the vast majority of household devices incorporated a power supply into the cabinet of the device

that performed the function of converting AC power into DC power. Nowadays, such things are very rare. The vast majority of devices use "wall wart" switching power supplies, many of these are huge radiators of interference in the AM Band, often at great distances.

Even ham transceivers, which used to incorporate DC supplies now rely on external DC supplies entirely. It reduces the overall cost and size of the product, but the trade off is a lot more interference. The device can be FCC certified, but often the switching power supply is not included in that evaluation. -- 73, (Les Rayburn, N1LF, Maylene, AL EM63, ibid.)

## PROPAGATION

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Is our Sun falling silent?

Rebecca Morelle By Rebecca Morelle Science reporter, BBC World Service  
17 January 2014 Last updated at 19:54 ET

Rebecca Morelle reports for Newsnight on the solar lull that is baffling scientists

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"I've been a solar physicist for 30 years, and I've never seen anything quite like this," says Richard Harrison, head of space physics at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire.

He shows me recent footage captured by spacecraft that have their sights trained on our star. The Sun is revealed in exquisite detail, but its face is strangely featureless.

"If you want to go back to see when the Sun was this inactive... you've got to go back about 100 years," he says.

This solar lull is baffling scientists, because right now the Sun should be awash with activity.

Image of Sun from Solar Dynamics Observatory [caption] The Sun's activity may be falling faster than at any time in 10,000 years

It has reached its solar maximum, the point in its 11-year cycle where activity is at a peak. This giant ball of plasma should be peppered with sunspots, exploding with flares and spewing out huge clouds of charged particles into space in the form of coronal mass ejections.

But apart from the odd event, like some recent solar flares, it has been very quiet. And this damp squib of a maximum follows a solar minimum - the period when the Sun's activity troughs - that was longer and lower than scientists expected. . . [much more with illustrations]  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-25743806>  
(via Gerald T Pollard, NC, WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD)

BBC News: Has the Sun gone to sleep?  
Saturday, January 18, 2014 5:28 AM --- Southgate January 17, 2014

Scientists are saying that the Sun is in a phase of 'solar lull' - meaning that it has fallen asleep - and it is baffling them

History suggests that periods of unusual "solar lull" coincide with bitterly cold winters. Rebecca Morelle reports for BBC Newsnight on the effect this inactivity could have on our current climate.

Watch the BBC video at  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-25771510>  
(via Mike Terry, Jan 18, dxldyg via DXLD)

Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period January 18 - February 12, 2014

Geomagnetic field will be:  
quiet on January 18 - 21, 25, 27, February 1, 7 - 9,  
mostly quiet on January 22, 24, 26, 31, February 4 - 6, 12,  
quiet to unsettled on January 23, 30, February 2 - 3, 10 - 11,  
quiet to active on January 28,  
active to disturbed January 29.  
WORLD OF RADIO 1705,

Growings of solar wind may cause remarkable changes  
in magnetosphere and ionosphere on January 27 - 31,  
February 11 - 13.

Remarks:  
- Parenthesis means lower probability of activity enhancement.  
- If until April 2014 (possible secondary maximum) solar activity will not reach similar or higher level as in November 2011, then 2012 will remain to be the maximum of 24 cycle (R = 70). And vice versa.

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:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts  
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# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web  
# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html>  
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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts  
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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 13 - 19 January 2014

Solar activity ranged from very low to moderate levels. Moderate levels were reached on 13 January due to an impulsive M1/Sf flare from Region 1944 (S09, L=101, class/area Fkc/1560 on 08 January) at 13/2151 UTC. By 14 January, only low levels were observed with some minor C-flare activity from Region 1944 as it rotated around the west limb. Very low levels were observed on 15 January. By 16 January through the end of the period, low levels were observed as Region 1959 (S24, L=240, class/area Dai/110 on 19 January) was transiting around the southeast limb. This region contributed to a total of 24 C-class flares and multiple non-Earth directed coronal mass ejections observed off the east limb. The largest flare from this region was a C8 flare at 17/1608 UTC. By the time Region 1959 rotated on the visible disk on 18 January, the region had likely decayed and only managed to produce two low level C-flares by 19 January.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 10 MeV protons were enhanced, but in decline at the beginning of the period near 4 pfu due to the X1 flare from Region 1944 on 07 January. By approximately 14/1100 UTC, proton levels had decreased to background levels and remained there through the end of the period.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at moderate levels on 13-14 January and decreased to normal to moderate levels through the rest of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to active levels. The period began under the influence of a negative polarity coronal hole high speed stream with solar wind speeds reaching a high of 947 km/s at 13/0725 UTC and total field measurements reaching 11 nT. However, the Bz component remained mostly north between +/- 6 nT which contributed to lower geomagnetic conditions than normal for such high solar wind speeds. The geomagnetic field reached quiet to unsettled levels on 13 January and quiet to active levels on 14 January. By 14 January, solar wind speeds were in decline to end of period values of approximately 280 km/s. By 15 January, total field

measurements had returned to nominal levels near 3 nT. The geomagnetic field was at quiet levels from 15-19 January.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 20 JANUARY-15 FEBRUARY 2014

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels with a chance for M-class flare activity from 26 January through 08 February due to the return of old Region 1944.

There is a chance for a greater than 10 MeV proton event from 26 January through 08 February when Region 1944 returns on the visible disk assuming it retains its magnetic complexity.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels with high levels possible on 29-30 January and 03-04 February due to recurrence and coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) activity.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be mostly quiet with unsettled to active conditions likely on 21 January, 28-30 January, and again on 07-08 February due to CH HSS activity.

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# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2014-01-20

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| #    | UTC<br>Date | Radio Flux<br>10.7 cm | Planetary<br>A Index | Largest<br>Kp Index |
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| 2014 | Jan 20      | 130                   | 5                    | 2                   |
| 2014 | Jan 21      | 130                   | 8                    | 3                   |
| 2014 | Jan 22      | 130                   | 5                    | 2                   |
| 2014 | Jan 23      | 130                   | 5                    | 2                   |
| 2014 | Jan 24      | 130                   | 5                    | 2                   |
| 2014 | Jan 25      | 135                   | 5                    | 2                   |
| 2014 | Jan 26      | 145                   | 5                    | 2                   |
| 2014 | Jan 27      | 160                   | 5                    | 2                   |
| 2014 | Jan 28      | 160                   | 10                   | 3                   |
| 2014 | Jan 29      | 155                   | 18                   | 4                   |
| 2014 | Jan 30      | 150                   | 8                    | 3                   |
| 2014 | Jan 31      | 150                   | 5                    | 2                   |
| 2014 | Feb 01      | 155                   | 5                    | 2                   |
| 2014 | Feb 02      | 155                   | 5                    | 2                   |

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| 2014 Feb 08 | 150 | 8 | 3 |
| 2014 Feb 09 | 140 | 5 | 2 |
| 2014 Feb 10 | 135 | 5 | 2 |
| 2014 Feb 11 | 125 | 5 | 2 |
| 2014 Feb 12 | 125 | 5 | 2 |
| 2014 Feb 13 | 125 | 5 | 2 |
| 2014 Feb 14 | 125 | 5 | 2 |
| 2014 Feb 15 | 125 | 5 | 2 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1705, DXLD) ###